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6th Feb.	MARMORA	10409		
13th "	PENINSULAR	5294	INDIA	7911
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21	22	1	49	4	36	14	30	15	64	6	47	8	37	13	21
22	22	9	50	0	37	7	31	7	64	8	47	10	37	15	22
23	23	1	50	12	38	0	31	15	64	9	47	12	38	1	23
24	23	9	51	8	38	10	32	7	64	11	47	14	38	4	24
25	24	2	52	5	39	4	33	0	64	13	48	0	38	7	25
26	24	11	53	2	39	15	33	9	64	15	48	3	38	10	26
27	25	5	54	0	40	10	34	2	65	1	48	6	38	14	27
28	25	15	54	14	41	5	34	12	65	4	48	9	39	2	28
29	26	9	55	13	42	1	35	6	65	7	48	12	39	6	29
30	27	4	56	13	42	13	36	0	65	10	49	0	39	11	30
31	27	15	57	13	43	10	36	11	65	13	49	4	40	0	31
32	28	11	58	14	44	7	37	6	66	0	49	8	40	6	32
33	29	8	59	15	45	4	38	2	66	4	49	13	40	12	33
34	30	6	61	1	46	2	38	15	66	8	50	2	41	3	34
35	31	5	62	4	47	1	39	12	66	13	50	8	41	10	35
36	32	5	63	8	48	0	40	10	67	2	50	14	42	2	36
37	33	5	64	12	49	0	41	9	67	8	51	5	42	11	37
38	34	6	66	1	50	1	42	8	67	14	51	13	43	5	38
39	35	8	67	6	51	3	43	8	68	4	52	5	43	15	39
40	36	11	68	12	52	5	44	9	68	11	52	14	44	10	40
41	38	0	70	3	53	8	45	11	69	3	53	8	45	6	41
42	39	6	71	11	54	12	46	14	69	12	54	8	46	4	42
43	40	13	73	4	56	1	48	2	70	6	55	0	47	3	43
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1st yr.	5th yr.	10th yr.	15th yr.	20th yr.	25th yr.	30th yr.
The amount payable would be Rs.						
10,143	10,718	11,437	12,156	12,875	13,593	14,312

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, DECEMBER 1.

SECURITIES—

2½ per cent. Consols	£89 1-8	= — 1-8
3 do. Rentes	£96 1-2	= + 1-4
3½ do. Indian Sterling Loan	£105	= unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£55 3-4	= do

SILVER—

Spot in London	26 1-3	= — 1-8
2 months hence	25 13-16	= — 1-8
Spot in New York	56 1-4	= — 1-4

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25·19 1-2	= Unchanged
Berlin	20·48 1-2	= + 1-2
New York Demand	48 3-8	= unchanged

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	4 pr ct	= unchanged
3 months' sight Bank Bills	4 pr ct	= do
6 " " "	3 7-8 pr ct	= do
3 " " Fine Trade Bills	4 3-8 pr ct	= do
6 months' sight fine Trade Bills	4 3-8 pr ct	= do

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	3 1-4 pr ct	= — 3-4
7 day market loans	3 5-8 pr ct	= — 1-4

Extra Council Bills allotments on Madras Rs 3,50,000 a Rs. 4 1-16d.

METALS—
Copper Braziers £63 10s. = +10s.
Yellow Metal 6 1-8d unchanged.
Tin Plates 11s. 3d. unchanged.
Bar Iron Belgian £14-17-6 = — 2s 6d
Iron Corrugated Sheets £10-10 = — 5s
Basic Steel Bars £5-0-0 = — 2s

RAPESEED—
Yellow Guzerat, D.-J. Buyers. 22s. 4 1-2d. = + 3d. Tone quiet.

LINSEED—
Linseed Bold. D.-J. Buyers 31s. 9d = — 3d Tone quieter.

COFFEE—
Coffee in New York 6 5 1-6 + 3-16

ARRIVALS—
Steamer Beckenham Yarra.

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed irregular. Sura's steady. Manchester firm. Total sales 5,000. Spot 6·40 plus 12. Egyptian, Fair Brown 8 5-8 unchanged. Sold on speculation and for Export 500. Imports 17,000. Arrivals closed excited.

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb-Mar.	Mar-Apl.
6·26	6·25	6·24	6·23
+ 27	+ 26	+ 26	+ 26

Apl-May	May-June	June.-July,
6·21	6·20	6·18
+ 25	+ 25	× 25
July.-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	
6·17	Nominal.	
+ 25		

In New York—

Receipts at the Port	75,000
Do. last year	56,000
Exports to Great Britain	41,000
Do. do Continent	21,000
Mid-Uplands	11·35 + 30
Futures, month of Dec.	11·57 + 16
Do. do. March	11·78 + 20

In New Orleans—

Spot	11 1-2 + 5-16
Futures, month of March	11·36 New positions
Do. do. June	11·30 "
Tone at close	Steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, 1st December, 1903:—

Cotton	2,328 bales.
Wheat	30,851 cwts.
Linseed	3,371 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard seeds	3,338 "
Gingellyseed	24,859 "
Poppyseed	856 "
Groundnuts	339 "
Castorseed	5,439 "
Rice	13,957 "
Myrabollams	2,622 "
Cottonseed	11,422 "

BOMBAY, 2nd DECEMBER, 1903.

EXCHANGE—Tone quiet but steady.

Bank T.T.				Is. 4 1-32d.
Bank Demand				Is. 4 1-16d.
Credit Bills	3 Months Sight		D. A.Is.	4 9-32d.
Do	6	do	do	Is. 4 7-16d.
French Francs	8	do	do	170 3-4
Marks	3	do	do	138 3-4
Hongkong	30	Days' Sight		127
Shanghai	30	do	do	177 1-2
Japan	30	do	do	150

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent. Tone. easier.

Cash	...	98·3
1st Settlement	...	98·0

Money Market.—Tone quiet.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England	since 3rd Sept.	4	per cent
Bank of Bombay	do. 20th Aug.	3	do.
Bank of Pengal	do. 23rd Aug.	3	do.
Bank of Madras	do. 28rd July	4	do

SEEDS—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Linseed.—Tone quiet.			
Ready	5	15	0
Rapeseed.—Tone quiet.			
Brown Cawnpore, Ready.	5	7	0 to 5 8
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready	5	15	0
Yellow Guzerat, Ready..	5	15	0
Poppyseed.—Tone quiet.			
Ready	6	5	0
Castorseed—Tone quiet.			
Ready	21	4	0
Gingellyseed.—Tone steady.			
Howree Khandeish ...	33	8	0
15 per cent. Mixed ...	32	0	0
25 per cent. " ...	32	0	0
50 per cent. " ...	31	0	0

WHEAT.—Tone quiet,

91 per cent. Pissi	Rs.	31 per candy.
Club No. 1	"	30 "
Hard Red	"	23-8 "

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	easier.
Estimated sales	5,000 bales
Imports	31,000 "

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-April.
6·22	6·19	6·18	6·17
—6	—6	—6	—6
April-May.	May-June.	June-July	July.-Aug.
6·15	6·14	6·12	6·11
—7	—6	—6	—6
		Aug.-Sept.	
		5·19	

COTTON.—The market opened firm with prices Rs. 2 to Rs. 3 higher. There was more enquiry from shippers. Broach being the quality most in demand and a line of Good was taken at Rs, 253 for 25th March delivery. At the close the market is easier and Sutta rates are Rs 249 forGood Broach and Rs 199 for Fully Good Bengals

In ready Cotton Mills and exporters continue in the Market and are paying full rates for nice lots.

The following are the official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association Limited:—

		Fine	F.-G	Gd.	Delivery.
Bengal (H.-G.) (Ky. terms)		217	201	...	25 Jan.
Bengals (M.-G.) (Hy. terms)		220	210	...	
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.)	...	220	210	...	
Belati (M.-G.)	description	240	232	...	"
Khandeish (M.-G.)	...	...	221	...	"
Jalgaon	do.	...	225	...	"
Akola	do.	...	...		
Khamgaum	do.	fair staple	242	232	... "
Karanja	do.	...	...		
Khandwa		242	234	...	"
Damangaum Poolgaum	(M-G.)	245	237	...	"
Nagpur (M.-G.)	...	247	238	...	"
Oomras (M.-G.)	good staple	249	241	...	"
Broach (M.-G.)	...	263	...	248	25 Mar.
Do.	do. ...	261	...	...	25 April.
Bhownugger (M.-G.)	...	246	236	...	25 May.
Do.	(H.-G.) ...	244	234	...	"
		231	220	...	25 Mar.
S.-O. Dharwar	...	...	...	245	25 May
Westerns	...	...	...	235	"

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DECEMBER 1

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed irregular. Surats steady.

Good Bhownugger	4 23-32
The Manchester Market has been firm.	
2 1-2 per cent. Consols	89 1-8ex
3 per cent. Rentes	98 1-2
2 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	105
3 1-2 per cent, Rupee Papers	65 3-4
Bar Silver	26 1-8

AN item of journalistic news of considerable importance is published to the effect that Mr. W. J. Fisher, editor of the "Daily Chronicle," has resigned his position owing to changes in the organisation of the paper. Mr. Fisher has been editor since November 1899, when he succeeded Mr. H. W. Massingham.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey or white or falling off use "The Mexican Hair Renewer," for it "will positively restore in every case grey or white hair" to its original colour, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots where the glands are not decayed. Ask your Chemists for "The Mexican Hair Renewer" sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere." Wholesale Depot, 23, Farringdon Road, London, England.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS and MEMORIUM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

EUROPE.

DEATH.

HYND—November 23, at Newport, Fife, Mary Moir, widow of the late James Hynd, in her 6th year.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

MACKINNON—November 27 at Morvyn, Simla, the wife of Mr W Mackinnon of a daughter.

SPICER—November 27, at Delhi, wife of J B Spicer, of the Bank of Bengal, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

FEREAR—OLDHAM—November 10, at St George's Church, Hyderabad, Deccan, by the Rev S Johnston, Michael Lloyd Ferrar, Indian Army, only son of M Ll Ferrar, I C S, retired, to Maud Evelyn, only daughter of W P Oldham, C I E, I C S, retired.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 17m. Sun sets, 5h. 22m. High water 9-53m., 10-55s. Low water, 4-5m. 4-8s.
Fifth Criminal Sessions.
Bombay Hunt, Jackal Club.
Arrival of H. E. Sir James Monteath, Victoria Terminus, 8 a.m.
Expected arrival of H. H. the Nizam, Victoria Terminus, 1-30 p.m.
Novelty Theatre, Gaspard and Neva's Entertainment 9-30 p.m.

THE MEHER CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.—The total number of patients treated during the month of November was 6347, the daily average being 228 and new admissions 1,398. The patients comprised:—Parsees 752, Hindoos 3,870, Mahomedans 1,703, and Christians 462. Forty-four children were vaccinated.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for Singapore, China, and Japan, per s. s. "Kagoshima Maru," will be closed at the General Post Office at 3 p.m. to-morrow. Parcel mail for Japan close at 2 p. m. on the same day.—Mails for Natal Cape Colony, Delagoa Bay, and other places in South Africa, per extra s. s. Umzieto, via Tuticorin and Colombo, will be closed at the General Post Office at 7 p. m. on Monday and Tuesday, the 7th and 8th inst, respectively.

THEFT ON THE HIGH SEAS—On the arrival of the steamship Sultan in Bombay on Tuesday morning a third class passenger named Ali Kurim Ibrahim reported to the police that while the vessel was about six days' journey from Bombay his box was broken open and twenty eight English sovereigns, two half sovereigns, one silver watch, a bond for Rs. 100, and some Portuguese coins were stolen therefrom.

A STREET ACCIDENT—Naroo Peerajl, a Hindu, aged sixty years, while crossing Bhendy Bazar Road on Tuesday was accidentally knocked down by a victoria belonging to Mr. Adamji Peerbhoy and driven by his coachman Sittaram Vamdoo. One of the wheels of the carriage passed over his right leg fracturing the shin bone. The injured man was removed to the J. J. Hospital.

POSSESSING SHORT MEASURES.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yester day, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Inspector Jones charged Shinadhar Raghubira, a hawker in salt, with possessing short measures for fraudulent uses. The evidence showed that the accused sold eight seers of salt to a purchaser in Ferguson Road on the 15th November. The salt on being measured again was found to be short, and information was given to the police, who on enquiries found that all the measures the accused possessed were short. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined Rs. 30.

RATANSI MULJI CHARITABLE DISPENSARY, FORT.—During the month of November the number of Hindu patients treated in this dispensary was 3,279. The number of new admissions was 737 classified as stated below:—

Castes.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Bhattias	31	7	9	47
Vanias...	104	33	32	169
Brahmins	94	11	10	119
Lohanas	20	1	3	24
Other castes	296	66	76	432
Total... ...	519	118	130	797

The average daily attendance was 109.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Russell presided at a sitting of the court yesterday.

RE JAITHA MOOLJEE.

Mr. Manker, on behalf of the insolvent applied for a rule "nisi" calling upon certain creditors to show cause why their names should not be struck off the schedule. His lordship granted the application and directed the insolvent to attend the office of the Official Assignee.

RE MADAN LAL TALSIDAS SHA.

Mr. Mankar, on behalf of the insolvent, moved absolute the rule "nisi" calling upon the creditors to show cause why the insolvent should not be allowed to withdraw his petition. The learned counsel said that all the creditors had been served.

His lordship: One of the creditors has not been paid?

The Official Assignee said that the insolvent had paid the money; and that the creditor would get his due.

His lordship thereupon made the rule absolute.

RE HORMUSJI DADABHOY MISTREE.

The insolvent appeared in person and applied for an interim order, which was granted.

RE PEEROSHA MANEKJEE MARKER.

The insolvent appeared in person and applied for the usual rule nisi calling upon the creditors to show cause why he should not be given his discharge. The application was granted.

RE SHIVA KHUSHAL LOHAR AND OTHERS.

Mr. Jaffer bhai Rahimtula, on behalf of the insolvents asked for a rule nisi calling upon the creditors to show cause why they should not be granted their discharge. The application was granted.

RE HAJI CASSUM KADARDINA.

Mr. Jardine instructed by Messrs. Payne and Co., on behalf of Haji Sabu Sidic and other creditors, applied that his clients be appointed special assignees of the effects of the insolvent. Counsel said that the insolvent had a large stock-in-trade in his godown, and a large body of the creditors supported the application.

Mr. Raikes, instructed by Messrs. Matubhai, Jamietram, and Madon, on behalf of a creditor, opposed the application, and observed that the Official Assignee in whom the estate was legally vested, was competent to wind up the estate.

His lordship, after hearing the arguments of counsel, refused the application with costs.

RE ALIBHOY YARBHOY MANIAR.

Mr. Raikes, for the insolvent, applied for an interim order. Mr. D. B. Binning, on behalf of a creditor, opposed the application. The application was refused.

DISCHARGES.

The following insolvents were granted their discharges:—Albert Fetterle; Morar Sukhla Khatri; Dinshah Framjee Major; Mahashankar Parshotam Raval; Vanmali Jethabhai Khatri; Jetha Kurpal Sha; Nathu Bharmull and others; Guda Chunilal; and Sorabjee Hormusjee Daruvalla.

FIFTH CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar presided at an adjourned sitting of the court yesterday.

CHARGE OF COUNTERFEITING CURRENCY NOTES.

Hirssenbox Khudsbux, Rahimbux Chottay, and Toiram Tikaram were charged with performing part of the process of counterfeiting currency notes, abetting each other in the commission of the offences, and attempt at cheating. Mr. Kirkpatrick, instructed by the Public Prosecutor, appeared for the Crown; and Mr. R. S. Pandit for the third accused. Corroborative evidence having been adduced, the prosecution was closed, and the case adjourned until this morning.

IT is reported that the Empress Dowager is in favour of the adoption of foreign dress by the Chinese people. Is this to inaugurate an era of bowler hats and American 'bends?' If so, China has our sympathy.

CHARGE AGAINST A COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

ALFRED WILLIAM TORKINGTON, lately a representative of Messrs. George Angus and Company of London, travelling in the East, again appeared yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Karsondas Chhabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, to answer the charges of extortion, perjury, false complaint, and cheating preferred against him by Hormasji Maneckji Mehta, a mill store supplier and dealer in rubber goods in Forbes Street, Fort, Bombay. Mr. Billimoria of Messrs. Pestonji, Rustom, and Colah, solicitors, appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Robertson, barrister-at-law, instructed by Mr. Rustomji P. Bharucha of Messrs. Jamseji and Rustomji, solicitors, defended the accused.

Hormasji Rustomji Omrigar, cross-examined by Mr. Robertson, said he remembered the occasion when the accused with his solicitor Mr. Dinshaw visited the shop of the complainant and made statements about telegraphic instructions from England as to a conviction by Mr. Sanders Slater. It was a deliberate falsehood if the accused said that he did not agree to any compromise at the time of the execution of the search warrant. He did not take legal advice that day. He consulted Mr. Colah, solicitor, on the 7th January, 1903, before he paid the money to the accused. He did not see the invoices which had been signed by the complainant on the day of the search warrant. Witness first saw the invoices, with the words, Angus and Company, on one of them on the 8th January, when he saw Mr. Dinshaw. He had heard of them from his son Jehangir when the latter went to call witness at the instance of the complainant. Jehangir told him the words, Angus and Company, were inserted in a bill at the instance of one Kharas, under certain misrepresentations. Witness had also seen the words, Angus and Company, in another of Kharas' bills, Exhibit No. 6 A was signed by the complainant and so was the other bill of Kharas. Karanjia's bill was also produced before him for the first time on the 8th January along with Kharas' by Mr. Dinshaw. He did not know if accused proposed to file an information on Karanjia's bill. That bill did not contain the words Angus and Company. Mr. Dinshaw had spoken to him in the presence of the complainant about Kharas' bill on the search warrant day. That was the only bill he heard of from Mr. Dinshaw before the payment of money. It was not on hearing about Kharas' one bill only that he asked Mr. Dinshaw for settlement. He did not say that he would make every reasonable compensation to Messrs. Angus and Company for damage done to them. He asked complainant to show his books to the accused to see how much rubber he had imported. He had seen Mr. Framji, solicitor, before the matter was finally settled, and requested him to use his influence with Mr. Dinshaw to bring about a settlement. Witness believed Mr. Framji did so. The accused paid Rs. 5,000 on the evening of the 8th January, but at his request to Mr. Dinshaw the amount was reduced to Rs. 4,500 which was paid to the accused in Mr. Dinshaw's presence. He asked for Karanjia's and Kharas' bills from Mr. Dinshaw when he paid the money. He got one of Karanjia's and one of Kharas' on the morning of the 8th January and destroyed them on the spot. Witness did think then that Khara's bill constituted prima facie strong evidence against the complainant. That was not exactly the reason why he destroyed it.

Re-examined by Mr. Billimoria the witness said he demanded the bills as he had paid back the money for the goods purchased through Karanjia and Kharas. Kharas' bill which witness saw was a copy of the Exhibit No. 6 A. The interpolation in the Exhibit No 6 A appeared in the body of that bill. He saw the words Angus and Co. in Kharas' bill. There was only one item in Karanjia's bill, and he would have seen the words Angus and Company if it contained them. Karanjia's bill contained the words British Admiralty Quality.

Further cross-examined by Mr. Robertson, the witness said it was not true that after the notice to show cause why sanction should not be given to prosecute Torkington, he went to Mr. Dinshaw and offered to compromise. He did not instruct Mr. Colah to approach Mr. Dinshaw for the same. Witness swore and said that he did not offer to settle the present matter if accused would help the complainant against Angus and Company. It was not true that accused refused to have any such arrangement made.

Mr. Jehangir Hormasji Omrigar, examined by Mr. Billimoria, said on the 5th January Mr. Kharas came to his office and producing a bill told him that complainant had asked him to insert the word engine in one item and Angus in another. Witness altered the bill accordingly and had a new bill made out to that effect. Subsequently complainant informed witness that he had never authorised Kharas to get him (witness) make such alterations.

Cross-examined by Mr. Robertson, witness said it was no part of his duty to make out bills and had no authority to make any alterations in bills. At the time he altered Kharas' bill he knew that Messrs. Angus and Co. were manufacturers of belting and not of rubber goods. He knew that the alterations were not true but he made them relying on what Kharas had told him.

Further hearing of the case was adjourned.

HIGH COURT.—DECEMBER 3.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice RUSSELL.

For Consent Decree.

757,02—Thakurdas and Co—The Advocate General vs Khan Saheb David Solomon—Payne and Co.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

616,01—Tyabji D and Co—Son aluxmi vs Vishnuprasad Hari prasad Desai—Mirza and M—Part heard

623,03—Mirza and M—Vishnuprasad Hariprasad vs Sonaluxmi—Tyabji D and Co

For Dismissal.

21,101 51,03—Kanga and P—Jo hi shivshunker Gopaljee vs Kaikhusroo Maneckjee—Edgelow G and W

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

53,'2—Edgelow G and W—Kaikhushroo Maneckjee Seton vs Joshi Shivshunker Gopaljee and others—Payne and Co—Part heard.

411,'2—Craigie L and O—The Bombay Ice Manufacturing Co vs S B Fraser and Co—Payne and Co

469,02—Captain and V—Damodarrao Balkrishnaji Fitale vs Manekbai widow and others C Land O—Ardeshir H Land Co D and F and C and V

487,00—P. yne and Co—Rukhmabai vs Bomonji Shapu ji Chothia—Pestonji P and K

23,03—Balkrishna V N K—Bai Dewoore vs Munmohundas R mji and others—Ardeshir H D and Co and J and R—(Testamentary suit)

561,03—Ardeshir H D and Co—Munmohundas Ramji and others vs Bai Dewoore and another—Balkrishna V N K—(Short Cause)

498,01—Payne and Co—Runchordas Trikamji vs Goculdas Madhowji and another—Little and Co

35,03—In person a pauper—Rajabathy Manji vs Hassam Alloo Mahomed

567,02—Hiralal D Raghunath Venkatesh vs Ramchandra alias Babaji Sakharam and another—In person—P Raghavayya

546,02—Little and Co Runsordas Dharsey and others vs T J Strangman—Maturbhai J and M

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice CROWE.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

650,02—Mulla and M—Champsey Birjee and another vs Ba Ruttonbai widow—Bhaishanker K and G—Part heard

365,01—Daphtary and F—Takersey Samjee and others vs The Lord Reay Mills and another—M J and M and Dickshit D and S—For postponement.

185,01—Khandarao and L—For pauper—Taibai vs Narayen Harischandra—Pestonjee R and K.

46,00—Pestonjee R and K—Joolekhabai widow and another vs Latiff Hajee Sumer and others—Kanjee and Patel

537,01—Daphtary and F—Haridas Naronjee vs Purshotum Naronjee—Thakurdas and Co.

585,01 and 5-6,01—Thakurdas and Co—Purshotum Narronjee vs Goculdas Narronjee and others—Daphtary and F.

165,03—Payne and Co—Sayed Hoosein Syed Nubeesa and others vs Syed Balabhai Syed Abdool and others—R P Mehta.

842,01—Vallabdas and G—Maulal Haridas vs Sadiram Ramjidas and another—Captain and W.

711,02—Maganlal and J—Perosha R Jussawalla vs Shapurjee Sorabjee Jussawalla—K D Sheroff.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice BATTY.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

448-01—Malvi H and M—Narmadabai vs Purshotum Madon and others—Craigie L and O—Part heard.

634-00—Thakurdas and Co—Lal Motivahu alias Nanabai vs Purshotum Hayal—Crawford B and Co

691-02—Payne and Co—Sheikh Hoosein and another vs Haji Sooleman Abdul Waheb and others—Edgelow G and W and Smetham B and N and Little and Co

393 03—Unwalla and P—Kaikhushru Burjorjee Choksey vs Karsandas Karamsey—Payne and Co

523-95—Shamrao and M—Wallabhai vs Godavaribai and another—Payne and Co and D D Romer

638-01—Pestonjee R and K—Pestonjee Hormasjee Jal vs Rustomjee Hormasjee Jal—Jehangir and S

800,03—Nana and H—Haji Sharfudin bin Gulam Mahomed Gattay vs M homed Ebrahim bin Mahomed Ismail Ghattay and others—Sorabjee and J.

163,03—Ardeshir H D and Co—Nowrojee Jehangir Hormusji vs Pestonjee J Horsmusjee and others—Pestonjee K and D.

At a meeting of the Rangoon Municipality specially convened to consider the revised tenders received for electric lighting and traction in Rangoon, a resolution was adopted recommending the local Government to grant a license to the Brush Electrical Company, which the Municipal Engineer considered the most favourable tender out of the four tenders received.

THE NATIVE PRESS.

INDIAN FISCAL INTERESTS.

THE "Voice of India," referring to Sir M. Bhownaggree's letter to Mr. Chamberlain on Indian fiscal interests, remarks:—Is Mr. Chamberlain really unable to form any opinion as to how his fiscal proposals would affect India? That he has had no opportunity of acquainting himself with the opinion of the India Council or the Government of India or of any other representative authority is true enough. But he is not now engaged in merely voicing the ascertained opinion even of his own country: if he were in a position to prove that India would benefit by his scheme, would he be slow to say so, having regard to the place which India occupies in the Empire? Sir M. Bhownaggree did well to call his attention to a few salient facts relating to Indian fiscal interests and in the absence of a better authority representing Native opinion, no English statesman will refuse to attach to the views of the only Indian Member of Parliament the weight which they must carry. Sir M. Bhownaggree puts the whole situation in a nut-shell. Indian exports "consist mainly of raw materials and wheat." Mr. Chamberlain does not propose to tax the former and he cannot propose to put a heavy duty on the latter. What gain will preference on an insignificant scale bring India? As regards "tea, indigo and other of her principal products," to which Mr. Chamberlain refers in his reply, Lord Northbrook has already explained how matters stand. Preference to our manufactures in England is useless, for we are not a manufacturing nation. As for imports if in consideration of the little benefit that we may derive from England's preference in our favour we discriminate against foreign imports, we shall only be taxing ourselves without any equal corresponding advantage.

The "Rast Goftar," says:—Mr. Chamberlain's attention has been drawn by member for India to the fact that while India exports wheat and raw materials she imports goods to the extent of about 350,00,000 sterling, a good proportion of which is articles of foreign manufactures. Then again India has no manufactories and for a good while yet will not have many to produce for home consumption of articles which are being imported from outside. It is, therefore, not clear what India will gain, at least in the immediate future, from Preferential Tariffs. We are convinced that, for the nascent industries of India, some modified form of Protection is essential. But it will be one thing for her to enter into the Union as a free and independent party enjoying the liberty to obtain her own conditions, and another to be dragged into it as an appanage of the British Crown, not counting for much in the consideration of Imperial Statesmen.

THE LATE SIR CHARLES PRITCHARD.

Speaking of the late Sir Charles Pritchard, the "Voice of India" states:—In Sir Charles Pritchard the Government of Bombay lose one of their ablest hands, and the Civil Service one of the most successful characters. His Abkari policy was, we believe, wrong; it is to that policy that Bombay largely owes the decline of the toddy trade and the increase in the consumption of ardent spirits. Those alone, who know the home life of our people and the value of cheap abundant food-drink like toddy, especially for the rural classes and tribes inhabiting hills and forest can appreciate the harm done by this policy. But Sir Charles Pritchard held another view, and with his strength of mind he carried everything before him. The story would be long that could tell his defiance of public opinion and of superior authority alike.

THE UNIVERSITIES BILL.

Referring to the appointment of two additional members to the Supreme Council, the "Voice of India" says:—Two more Additional Members have been appointed to the Viceregal Council to help in the deliberations over the Universities Bill—Dr. Bhandarkar for Bombay and Mr. Bilderbeck for Madras. Lord Curzon is evidently determined that there shall be as grand a display of expert ability on the side of Government as there apparently was against the reforms recommended by the Commission. The Bill will be passed amidst a brilliant disharge of academic fireworks. The various Universities have been asked to give their opinions on the Bill.

The "Gujerati" remarks:—It is now perfectly clear that the so called reform of University education consists simply in enlarging the functions of the Universities on paper at any rate for the present and centralising the whole system of higher education in the hands of Government by officialising the Senates and Syndicates under the plausible pretext of bringing colleges into closer touch with Universities. This kind of legislation does not cost much. A considerable portion of the proposed annual grant of five lakhs will be absorbed by Government Colleges which are as yet any thing but model institutions and Missionary Colleges, and some crumbs will no doubt fall to indigenous colleges. But how all this can be called by the ambitious name of reform of University education is more than we can see.

LORD CURZON IN THE PERSIAN GULF.

After referring to the history of Russia in Asia in her struggle for supremacy with Great Britain, the "Kaiser-i-Hind" dilates on the tremendous issues of the demonstration of the Viceroy in the Persian Gulf:—His claqueurs in the Indian and British Press may extol his utterances to the skies. They may eulogise his so called statesmanship. They may sing paeans of praise for his alleged masterly diplomacy and so forth. To us, who look far ahead, from the analogy of past events during the last half a century, all these are meaningless. They who so praise these hollow sounding utterances are exceedingly short-sighted, for they seem to be incapable of judging the consequences of the policy to follow in the near future. If History be past politics, then we say these press trumpeters and others of the Curzonic cult on foreign affairs have read those politics to no purpose when they endorse every word of what the Viceroy has said. We read them in a different way. We say that the Viceroy is piling the faggots for a new Asiatic conflagration which shall irresistibly overtake England in Asia a few years hence. As we have said before Russia may be slow in her action but she is sure. She goes with a steadfast aim and purpose to fulfil what she believes to be her destiny.

LAMP-LIGHT WATERING OF THE ROADS.

The "Rast Goftar" is not satisfied with the present practice of watering the roads and states: Whether it is a standing order of the Municipality that, during the cold weather, the roads in the native town should be watered after sundown when it gets fairly dark, or after the Municipal lamps are lit, is not known, but if there is such an order it should be cancelled at once and these roads, like the Esplanade, Hornby and Cruickshank roads which are punctually watered about 4 p.m. or so every day, should be taken in hand about that time. It is but too well known that the cold weather generally ushers in cholera or some kind or other, and fever in particular—and these wet roads, which are usually over watered in the cold weather and made quit slushy, and consequently must remain damp all night—are the very identical agencies needed to feed and convert the fever into other kinds of sickness. The watering should therefore begin much earlier to be completed before sunset and before the lamps are lit.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern Fort Southern and Esplanade	1	0	5
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	1	2	14
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada.	3	3	22
D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Manalakshmi	0	0	6
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla, and 1st Nagpada	3	3	24
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	1	2	5
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	7
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"IMPOVERISHED INDIA."

A NEAT little preface introduces Mr. Enthoven's new volume of Financial and Commercial Statistics. He adds to it a summary table showing the progress of the country during the last twenty years. Since 1880-81 the consumption of salt has increased from twenty-seven to thirty-seven maunds; the savings banks deposits have quadrupled; the mileage of railways open has grown from 9,200 to 25,900; the letters, packets, and newspapers transmitted through the post office, as well as the revenue of the Department, have more than doubled; and the telegraphic messages are now four times as numerous as in 1880-81. Cotton mills have grown from 58 to 201 and jute mills from twenty to thirty-six; the production of coal is seven times as great, while the output of petroleum has increased from one and a half to fifty-six and a half million gallons. The export of Indian manufactured goods has grown from sixty to 263 million rupees in value, while the total trade, import and export, is now valued at 2,502 million rupees, compared with 1,381 million rupees in 1880-81. This is not the place, writes Mr. Enthoven, "to draw inferences from these facts; but they do not seem entirely in harmony with some recent theories of the gradual impoverishment of the country owing to the pressure of Home charges, the ravages of agricultural distress, or other adverse influences." Very likely not; but figures in the hands of either an expert or an unscrupulous person can be made to demonstrate anything, and probably the parents of those recent theories will prove to their own satisfaction that Mr. Enthoven's figures materially support their case. At the best figures are misleading, and we find in the very first paragraph of the report the population of the country set down at 294,346,046. This as compared with 287,358,608 in 1891. But we learn that the former figure includes the populations of Aden and the Nicobars which were excluded from the former returns, and the population of India proper is 294,276,423. The population of British territory is 230,103,902 compared with 221,280,663 in 1891, the increase of the decade being about two-fifths of the increase indicated by the census of 1891 over that of 1881, and, no doubt, says the compiler, the reduction is, in a material degree, to be assigned to the effects of famine and plague, the former having hardly been absent from one or more regions of the Empire since 1894 and plague having been epidemic in various regions since the autumn of 1896.

The revenue of the country is shown to have risen in the past 26 years from six hundred and nineteen and three-quarter millions to approximately 1,153¾, the increase being over 86·11 per cent. Much of this increase was contributed by the railways, but excluding railways the revenue increased by 55·86 per cent and the expenditure by 38·39 per cent. Land revenue constituted 31·57 per cent of the whole in the first and 24·04 per cent in the last year of the series. It is not of rapid growth, the revenue being settled permanently in Bengal and some other tracts and for terms of years elsewhere. Forest revenue increased by over twelve millions, the net revenue having trebled itself. Salt revenue has grown by 26 millions, but only by ten per cent in the last ten years. Further Mr. Enthoven tells us that the effect of the reduction of eight annas on the duty on salt is expected to entail a loss of revenue to the extent of 17·30 millions in the current year unless the consumption be stimulated by the reduction of duty, a result which we do not suppose is seriously anticipated. Receipts under excise increased by 167·1 per cent. Customs revenue naturally fluctuated with changes on the fiscal system, the import duties having practically ceased to exist from 1882 to 1894 except for liquors, arms, and opium, and a duty on petroleum imposed in 1888. Since the reimposition of the duties they have gradually but slowly increased after the fall which resulted in 1896 from the reduction to three and a half per cent. from five per cent. of the duty on cotton goods. Countervailing duties on sugar in recent years also contributed to the increase under this head. It is shown that of the twenty-six years for which figures are given there was a surplus in sixteen and a deficit in ten, the net result being a surplus of 158·73 millions of rupees. The share capital of the banks whose head offices are located in India, and which are exclusively Indian, increased by 15·83 in the last ten years. Adding the capital to the reserves in which the increase was much larger than the increase in capital, the increase in both combined was 38·32 per cent. in the decade. The capital and reserves of the joint-stock banks, apart from the Presidency Banks, increased in the decade by about 134 per cent, the increase in capital being in almost the same ratio as the increase in the reserves.

The chapters on the mill industries are instructive. Of cotton mills we find that at the end of 1902-03 there were in India 201 cotton mills, containing 43,676 looms and 5,164,360 spindles. Of this number 113 were exclusively spinning mills; four exclusively weaving mills, and in 84 both spinning and weaving were carried on. They employed 178,444 persons. Twelve of the mills with 233,284 spindles and 1,899 looms were closed in the year. The nominal capital of the mills is calculated at twelve millions sterling. Bombay Presidency possesses seventy per cent. of the mills, seventy per cent. of the spindles, and 75 per cent. of the looms. In native States and French territory there are twenty mills with 3,527 looms and 284,812 spindles. The industry dates from 1851 when the first mill was started. In the last twenty years the number of mills has increased by 172 per cent., and their working capacity has been proportionately augmented, the number of looms having increased by 169 and of spindles by 172 per cent. Jute mills number 36, with 17,091 looms and 350,130 spindles, all in the neighbourhood of Calcutta. Woollen mills number but four with 669 looms and 25,236 spindles. The industry is shown to have expanded but slowly, there not being much demand for woollen goods except of a description which could hardly be made profitably in India in competition with European mills. Eight paper mills are in operation, which turn out 47 million pounds valued at something over sixty-four lakhs of rupees per annum. The capital employed has been trebled in the last twenty years, and the production and number of persons employed have increased about six-fold. In recent years there has been a depression in the industry owing to the importation into Bengal of cheap paper, made from wood-pulp, which is pronounced to be of more attractive appearance, if less durable, than paper made from grass, gunnies, and rags in the Bengal mills. The effect of the whole report is to demonstrate the industrial growth and development of the country, and certainly a very good case is made out. Famines come and epidemics, retarding progress for some time, but for some time only. The general rate of progress is steady and highly satisfactory.

THE HOUSING OF THE POOR. THE Corporation have considered the problem which is exercising the Improvement Trust in regard to the housing of the evicted. The Municipality has shown wisdom in declining to support the proposal that the Kennedy Sea Face should be utilised for this purpose, but they have exhibited little more discernment than the Improvement Trust in recommending a site which Government are not at present inclined to place at the disposal of the Trust. The recommendation that a portion of the north west-corner of the Parade Ground he made available for what are described as "semi-permanent" dwellings for the poor is distinctly less objectionable than the proposals to erect these structures on the Sea Face or behind the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital. But Government have already intimated that they cannot agree to the Parade Ground or the Hospital plot being thus utilised, while the public feeling on the subject has placed the Sea Face out of the question. Government while setting forth the objections to the use of the sites for which the Trust applied, suggested to that Authority a course which they might pursue without great difficulty. There are very obvious objections to the policy of relieving the congestion of one section of the city by introducing the evil into another area where the ultimate results in the shape of disease are likely to be more widespread. Government recognising this aspect of the question suggested that a semi-temporary camp should be erected on the Agripada Estate or on other available open ground in that neighbourhood, and that measures should be taken to induce the displaced people to migrate there. It was pointed out that the tramways afford easy access to the docks, and that special arrangements for cheap fares and suitable services could probably be made with the Tramway Company. So far as appears from the published records of the Board's proceedings all that was done upon that representation was to make a further application for the use of the ground behind the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital. If Government had not already indicated their inability to permit this plot to be utilised the objections of the hospital authorities would suffice to produce a refusal of the Trustees' request. In the long run the action suggested by Government, even if the local authorities paid for the conveyance of the people to and from their work, would be cheaper for the city than their retention within the heart of Bombay. It would be better still if the opportunity were taken to make a beginning with that removal of numbers of the population to land outside the island so desirable in the interests of the public health. There is plenty of land available on the mainland convenient to the railway. And as we have previously urged, compared with the present drain on the public purse by measures which admittedly fail to accomplish their purpose, it would even be profitable to give the evicted citizens free railway passes to and from their work as an inducement to them to migrate to healthy dwelling places outside the city. But proposals of this nature seem too effective for the Improvement Trust or the Corporation to realise at present, and the public may be thankful if between the two authorities nothing more serious happens than the location of a crowd of evicted people on a corner of the Parade Ground. We have hopes, however, that Government will insist on a much more satisfactory solution of the difficulty which confronts the Trust.

AUTOMOBILE PROGRESS. THE history of the development of the automobile becomes more and more interesting as time goes on. There seems to be no limit to the number of manufacturers of the various descriptions of mechanical road vehicles now upon the market, and it is certain that the limit of the possibilities of this means of transport has not been reached. Recently before the Society of Arts, Mr. W. Worby Beaumont, M. I. C. E., read a paper containing a very complete resume of the most important types of the automobile, showing by what devious paths the present high speed car had been arrived at, and how the present highly efficient steam lorry, which is in such common use in the commercial world, has been evolved. To the general public Mr. Beaumont's remarks on the question of speed will be particularly interesting. It is rather a remarkable fact that one type of high speed car is the outcome of the original experiments in connection with the construction of the motor cycle. In the beginning these motors were regarded with much suspicion; now by a combination of four such motors on one crank shaft as much as 16 horse power has been developed and there are still great possibilities in store for the voiturette of this type. It is apparently in the direction of this kind of engine that the highest of high speeds will be attained, and it is significant that the motor manufacturer, notwithstanding the tacit warnings of fatal accidents, legislative restrictions, and magisterial fines, is still bent upon developing engines of even greater potentiality than those which are now in use. Mr. Beaumont has evidently no sympathy with those who object to the high speed car. Speaking of the additional cost entailed in augmenting the horse-power of any particular motor, he says: "There is another and a heavy cost, namely, occasional forced contribution to the rates or wherever the fines go to when extorted on a technical breach of the speed law. Speed, however, is not always the cause of this last expense, it is sometimes the word of magisterial persecution in which there is no truth, and sometimes it is the penalty of slow speed and obedience to servants demoralised by servitude under unjust and interested magistrates who put a heavy load of prejudice in one of what ought to be the evenly balanced scales of justice." It may or may not be that some magistrates are inclined to view the whole race of motorists with disfavour, but it is quite certain that when speed is catered for and when labour and thought are being expended on evolving it the speed law will be broken. Fortunately, the greater the speed the greater the cost of the vehicle. The number of high speed automobiles, therefore, may be reasonably expected to decrease as the cost increases. There seems to be a great future before the motor waggon for heavy traffic, and in regard to one of the difficulties connected with this style of vehicle Mr. Beaumont says —"If the motor waggon for carrying heavy loads is to be successful for distributing goods mainly on the same roads day by day, we shall have to meet these vehicles half way, and recognise the necessity for tram plates which will not interfere with other traffic, or tramways of some form off the beaten track of other traffic, so that the motor waggons shall be able to run from docks and railway stations to the mills or other loading or unloading destinations." Whether the motor waggon will ever become such a common feature of daily life as to render the carrying out of such a suggestion necessary and practicable remains to be seen. However, it is not likely that in the immediate future it will be adopted.

THE INDIAN CROP REPORTS. FAVOURABLE reports continue to be received from the cultivators of the various provinces of India. Recently there appears to have been little or no rain in most parts of the country, but fortunately there are few places that are not well supplied with water. The standing crops in Madras are doing very well, although in parts of Godavari, Cuddapah, Trichinopoly, and Tanjore the growing plants are still suffering from the effects of excessive rain. The early crops which are now being harvested are giving fair outturns. In Bengal the sowing of the spring crops and the harvesting of winter rice are in progress. Prospects generally are favourable. Harvesting has been completed in the United Provinces and threshing and winnowing have begun. Cotton picking is also in progress and the sowing of poppy and pressing of sugar-cane continue. Similar operations are also in progress in the Punjab. The outturn of cotton has been above the average in Jullundur and good in all other districts but Shahpur. Grasshoppers have caused some damage to the standing crops in Sialkot and in Mooltan insects have occasioned damage to the standing crops. Spring sowings have nearly been completed in the North-West Frontier Province and the prospects of the standing crops are normal in that area. In the Central Provinces the harvesting of the autumn crops is still in progress and spring sowings are now approaching completion. Germination has been good up to the present and the standing crops are doing well. The outlook is satisfactory in Mysore, Hyderabad, and Kashmir. In Central India slight damage has been done by vermin in parts of Indore but elsewhere the crops are flourishing. A light rainfall, which has benefited the crops, has fallen in Burma. The reaping of wet weather paddy is becoming general, the early wet weather harvest having been completed. In Assam the reaping of early transplanted rice is nearly finished and the outturn generally is good. There have been no remarkable fluctuations in prices.

WITH regard to the Victoria Memorial Hall in Calcutta tests are being applied to the site near the Cathedral with a view to ascertaining what weight of foundations and superstructure the ground will bear.

A TELEGRAM from the Head Office says that the proposal to reduce the capital of the Commercial Bank of India, Limited, from Rs. 40 lakhs to Rs. 28 lakhs, in order to make provision for a shortage in assets, was unanimously carried, at an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders, held on Tuesday.

SIR FREDERICK TREVES, who arrived at Bombay on Friday last, has been deputed to India, says the "Westminster Gazette," for the purpose of inspecting the Army medical arrangements here, and to see what it is necessary to do to perfect the Military Hospitals.

SIR DENZIL IBBETSON and the Hon'ble Mr. Arundel, who have been making a tour in Assam, reach Calcutta to-day.

IN his new work on "Hawthorne and His Circle," Mr. Julian Hawthorne makes what the "Westminster Gazette" rightly describes as a remarkable confession. Some years ago, it seems, he received a letter from Liverpool asking him to identify, from a photograph, the house in Rock Park in which he and his father had lived, with a view to the affixing of a mural tablet. He proceeds as follows:—"All the houses in Rock Park had been turned out of the same mould, and I knew no more than my interrogator which was which. But I reflected that the committee had been put to trouble and expense for photographs, postage stamps, and what not, and that all that was really wanted was something to be sentimental over. So rather than disappoint them I resorted to a kind of "Sortes Virgilianae;" I shut my eyes, turned round thrice, and made a mark at hazard on the line of photographs. The chances against my having hit it right were only four to one; the committee were satisfied, the pilgrims have been made happy, and it is difficult to see where harm has been done." It will be interesting to see whether Liverpool takes notice of this startling avowal, and whether the "plaque" will be withdrawn, pending inquiries and verification.

REALITIES IN THE BALKANS.

IN AN INSURGENT CAMP.

[BY GEORGE LYNCH.]

EARLY yesterday morning I set out from Rilo monastery accompanied by Peter Georgieff, a preminent insurgent Stomataff, one of the Macedonian Committee, a guide, and a recruit who was going to join one of the bands. It was a fast day at the monastery, so we went outside and had an early breakfast at the "Thieves Kitchen," in the little "pub" outside. It consisted of boiled milk and brown bread—eggs are not to be had up here. We were going to a place about five hours distant, where various bands were assembling to be in readiness to cross the frontier as soon as they receive the order from General Tsoncheff. Our path lay right up the valley, and for four or five miles ran along by the torrent at the bottom. It was a glorious morning, and nothing could surpass the grandeur of the scenery. We were passing through a forest of great pine-trees, thick and dark. Every now and again we would get a glimpse of the blue or snow-clad mountains. Then we came to a clearing which used to be a favourite spot with the late Princess, the wife of Prince Ferdinand, who came frequently to the monastery and there is a little summer-house where she was in the habit of reading or working while her children played about. Above this the gorge narrows, the right-hand side an almost perpendicular wall of pine-trees, the left a wall of rock bare except in a few crevices and on the summit, where a few solitary pine-trees have managed to gain foothold.

Here, writes Mr. George Lynch, the special correspondent of the "Westminster Gazette", we crossed the torrent, and began the ascent of the pine-tree side. A barely distinguishable track zigzagged up through the rocks. I never thought that horses could have climbed up such a place, but these little Bulgarian ones are simply marvels of agility. My horse "Arthur Balfour" rose immensely in my estimation as I watched his performance. It was ticklish work in places where the rocks were smooth and sloped at a nasty angle, or where the path at the height of the dome of St. Paul's ran along places that seemed to overhang the abyss below. Near the highest point of our climb the scenery was very grand. The cliff was so steep that the tops or branches of the lower trees in a storm must brush the roots of these above. Enormous dead trunks or uprooted trees lay strewn about or jammed and held up by the others in unexpected positions. The mountain opposite appeared quite close, so wonderfully clear was the air, and at the bottom of the ravine the torrent danced and foamed in the sunlight. It was indeed the forest primeval; except the little, half-distinguishable path there was no sign of man ever having been there. Then we began to descend again, or, more correctly perhaps, went on horizontally and came on the torrent again at a higher level. At a spot where there was a flat patch of grass for our horses we stopped about one o'clock and lit a fire to prepare our dinner. There was no lack of dry fuel, and we had brought some mutton with us. I then got a lesson in brigand cooking. First, two stakes the shape of the letter Y were stuck into the ground at the windward side of the fire; then a long branch was cut, the bark peeled off, and it was sharply pointed at one end. The meat, which had been cut up in pieces, was threaded on this branch "en brochette," the ends of the branch were rested in the Y shaped stakes, and the branch was slowly twisted round.

After that five hours ride in the nipping morning air, I tell you that brigands' 'brochette" looked fine sizzling and throwing out little bombs of juice into the fire. It was better than a sherry-and-bitters or a vodka as an appetiser to go to leeward of the fire and just get the perfume of the burning pine-ranches and roasting meat. The chefs of the Savoy or Carlton or Delmonico's never served a meal that was more thoroughly appreciated. It was delightfully warm in the sun although we were close to the snow, and, after doing justice to our dinner and watering our horses, it was with reluctance we tore ourselves away. From that on we continued along the bed of the ravine, and in about an hour came on an outpost of the insurgent camp, where four men were picketed on a rocky point. They were picturesque-looking brigands, bristling with bandoliers and knives, and one of them went back to fetch the chief of the nearest band. Instead he brought one of the heads of the secret organising committee, a gentlemanly young fellow who spoke French and was dressed in a thick grey woollen suit, with a military collar and green facings, who led us up to the camp. Passing through a thick screen of shrubs, we suddenly came on the encampment. Rifles were stacked in rows with military precision, and the men were standing around, as they were just preparing to march off on their way across the frontier.

As I inspected them carefully I very soon came to the conclusion that they were a most workmanlike lot. They were all strong and well-built and looked as hard as nails. They nearly all wore round caps of short wool, very like astrakhan; they had very thick woollen jackets buttoned up to the throat; two bandoliers each full of cartridges; small knapsacks and, some of them, sheepskin cloaks or jackets. On their legs they wore thick woollen trousers, and white puttees or gaiters down to their feet, or thick stockings coming up to their knees, and on their feet invariably the turned-up sandals called "opintzi," strapped on with narrow leather straps similar to those around their legs. Their rifles, which they kept in good order, and which simply shone with elbow-grease, were of various patterns—Mannlichers a few Mausers, and the old pattern Russian rifle—a long and heavy weapon, firing a bullet that ought to have stopping-power sufficient to stop an express train.

The men were of all ages, from a wiry and active-looking man of seventy-four—a Macedonian who had come all the way from Servia to fight—to young fellows of about eighteen. A few of them had bayonets and most of them carried knives in their belts: nearly all of the cartridges were of black powder—only one or two who carried Mausers had smokeless powder, so far as I could make out. This is certainly a great drawback and a handicap to them as it would be an immense advantage to them if they could pot away at the Turks from their rocks without every shot locating them, as must be the case now. And what a kindly, genial lot of fellows they are! They are unused to visitors and were glad to see one. They produced their bombs, of which they were evidently proud, and I was introduced to the old volunteer of seventy-four, who shook me with both his hands, and when he learned that I had come from England, he said; "Ah, you have liberty enough and to spare there! I wish you could end us a little of it to Macedonia.

As I watched them file past, as fine a body of men physically as any country could produce—Macedonians gathered from various parts outside Macedonia—I wished I had beside me some of these men who appear to believe there is a lot of "fake" about all this Macedonian business. There was none of that picturesqueness of appearance which we see in illustrated papers whose editors might have known better than to allow old photos of the Greco-Turkish war to be palmed off on them. It was a quite, earnest lot of men, who went past—men of means in their little way, many of these, who had left their homes and families to come and help their kith and kin. What but the greatest need of these suffering people, what but the very strongest duty-feeling of kinship would have brought them out to live on hard biscuit and water and face the rigours of oncoming winter without pay, without the prospect of loot or plunder, without an onlooking and appreciative gallery even to applaud their actions! There was no military band to play them off as that line of men wound its way up across the snow.

It was no exciting filibustering raid they were out for. A stern call that could not be denied was what they were answering.

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE FAR EAST CRISIS.

Statement by Count Lamsdorff.

A PACIFIC SETTLEMENT.

RUSSO-JAPANESE TREATY.

LONDON, DECEMBER 1.

At the weekly reception of Diplomatists held at St. Petersburg, Count Lamsdorff spoke most optimistically of the prospects of a pacific settlement between Russia and Japan and also spoke sanguinely of the situation in Macedonia.

LONDON, DECEMBER 2.

A telegram from Paris published in New York says that Japan and Russia have practically agreed to the bases of a Treaty settling the Far Eastern question.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Dinner to Lord Northcote.

GREATER BRITAIN'S IMPERIAL MISSION.

A dinner was given to Lord Northcote last night at the Trocadero by the Australian Club.

Mr. Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies, was in the chair, and in his speech dwelt upon the far-reaching consequences the next few years were likely to have on our relations with the great Colonies. He wished the example of his illustrious predecessor in visiting the Colonies might be followed.

Mr. Lyttelton said Lord Northcote entered upon his new duties with the goodwill and sincere good wishes of all. In Lady Northcote he had a worthy helpmate who in Bombay won the devoted friendship of the Anglo-Indian and native alike.

Lord Northcote replied that he was going to Australia with the earnest desire to realise the great Imperial mission which jointly devolved upon the mother-country and the Colonies.

GERMANY'S FINANCES.

Considerable Budget Deficit.

BIG LOAN NECESSARY.

The German estimates for 1904 confirm the most pessimistic anticipations which had been formed.

The deficit is due to the increased demands under the various heads including the Army, Navy, and the expedition to East Asia.

It is proposed to balance the Budget by a loan of ten and three-quarter millions sterling.

AFFAIRS IN ITALY.

Opening of the Chambers.

AN ECONOMIC REVIVAL.

LONDON, DECEMBER 1.

Signor Giolitti, in a speech at the opening of the Italian Chambers to-day, said that the excellent attitude of Austria, Germany, and Switzerland gave promise of early and favourable results of the commercial Treaty negotiations.

Italy, he said, was prepared to lessen protection on industry, and in addition to the conversion of 4½ per cent. rentes, making a saving of six million lire per annum which had already been arranged, Government was preparing for the conversion of five per cents. making a saving of forty million lire per annum which would lead to the economic resurrection of Italy.

Foreign relations, he said, were excellent, thanks to alliances and cordial relations with other Powers, especially France and Great Britain.

BRITAIN AND THE PERSIAN GULF.

The Viceroy's Shargah Speech.

RUSSIAN JOURNAL'S BLUFF.

The "Novoe Vremya" regards Lord Curzon's speech at Shargah as indicating the intention of Great Britain to gradually extend her dominion on the Arabian Coast and Persian Gulf. If so Turkey, France, and Russia would be justified in demanding compensation.

THE RAND LABOUR PROBLEM.

Chinese Government's Attitude.

Nothing is ascertainable in London in confirmation of the statement that the Chinese Government had prohibited the recruiting of labourers for the South African mines.

There is much anxiety to ascertain the facts owing to the importance of the question.

THE superintendence of ethnographical research in the States of the Rajputana Agency has been made over to Mr. R. Burn, C.S., Superintendent of Ethnography in the United Provinces. The Durbars of most of the States have promised to assist in the inquiry.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY)

LORDS OF THE ADMIRALTY.

A New Appointment.

LONDON, DECEMBER 1.

Captain Inglefield has been appointed a Junior Lord of the Admiralty. Such promotion of a comparatively junior officer is unusual.

THE TSARITSA'S HEALTH.

The Tsaritsa is now convalescent.

DEATH OF SIR F. BRAMWELL.

The death is announced of Sir Frederick Bramwell.

[Sir Frederick Joseph Bramwell, D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.S., was a civilian member of the Ordnance Committee since the commencement of 1881. He was born in London in 1818, and was the youngest son of George Bramwell, banker. He was educated at Palace School, Enfield, and in 1834 was apprenticed to John Hague, mechanical engineer. He then became chief draughtsman and manager of an engineering factory. Subsequently he commenced business as a civil engineer, and became an associate of the Institution of Civil Engineers in 1856, and the President in 1884-85. He was President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers in 1874-75; chairman of the Executive Committee of the Inventions Exhibition in 1884; and President of the British Association in 1888.]

IMPORTATION OF SUGAR INTO BRITISH INDIA.

REMISSION OF DUTIES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 2.

A "Gazette of India Extraordinary" issued to-day notifies that the Governor-General-in-Council directs that duties leviable under the Indian Tariff Act shall be remitted in respect of sugar produced in any country which is a party of the Brussel's Sugar Convention of 1902, provided that that sugar is imported into British India direct from the country of production or through another country which is also a party to the Convention, without having been transhipped at, or unloaded in, or carried through, any country which is not a party to the Convention, and is in either case accompanied by a certificate certifying that it was produced after the 31st August, 1903, and that it has not received and is not entitled to receive any bounty direct or indirect on the production, or as the result of exportation certificates of the production, shall be signed by an authority especially appointed in this behalf by the Government of the country of production, and such certificates shall be countersigned by the British Consular representative at the port of shipment or at the place from which sugar is despatched.

THE SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY.

ACCELERATION OF MAIL SERVICE.

POONA, DECEMBER 2.

The Southern Mahratta Railway authorities are making an effort to improve their speed to some certain extent. They have ordered twenty new engines to work the mail train service. At present the track is laid with 41 1-4 lbs. rails, but they are unsuitable for greater speed, so they are placing with 50 lbs rail the line between Londa and Hubli Junction. About 56 miles have already been completed, and a start has now been made from Castle Rock towards Londa. This section is only 15 miles long and will probably take one month or two. The main line between Poona and Londa will then be taken up, but unfortunately the progress is very slow, and may take nearly more than one year. The length is 278 miles between these two points. The work of relaying is carried out under the supervision of Mr. Bird, the District Engineer.

H. E. SIR JAMES MONTEATH.

POONA, DECEMBER 2.

H. E. Sir James Monteath arrived in Poona via Bhore State this evening. His Excellency was accompanied by Mr. Mead, Private Secretary; Surgeon-Major Beever, and Captain Maynell. They had a halt at Bhore where they had lunch, leaving Bhore in the afternoon. His Excellency came on by the road to Poona where he reached for dinner Captain Beever, A. D.C., joined the party in Poona. His Excellency left by the midnight train for Bombay where he will arrive in the morning.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Lieutenant-Colonel A.W. Money, Royal Artillery, has been appointed Assistant Military Secretary and Aide-de- Camp to Sir Archibald Hunter.

Colonel Macdonald, R.E, who commands the troops in Sikkim, has been granted the local rank of Brigadier-General. His continued presence in Darjeeling shows that matters have not sufficiently advanced for a move into the Chumbi Valley.

ARRIVALS: DECEMBER 1.—Lancaster, Lt., Punjab, 25th Cavalry, on leave, from Kohat.

Teesdale, Lt., Punj, 25th Cavalry, on leave, from Kohat.

DEPARTURES: DECEMBER 1.—Doyle, Lt.-Col., Beng., Shropshire L. I., from leave, to Bareilly.

Gibbs, Capt., Bo., I. M. S., on leave, to Poona.

Morris, Lt.-Col., R. A. M. C., on inspection duty to, Bhuj.

Mills, Major, Bo., R. A. M. C., on duty, to Ahmedabad.

As there is apparently a scarcity of waterproof sheets available for the manœuvres near Rawalpindi, the troops and followers will have to rely upon blankets only. No tents are to be allowed, except for General Officers and a few superior members of the Staff. Fortunately rain is unlikely to occur in the Punjab at this season of the year.

NEWS IN ADVANCE OF THE MAIL.

A NEW YORK SENSATION.

PUBLIC MAN SHOT DEAD.

Mr. Andrew Haswell Green, who was known as the "Father of Greater New York," was shot dead on his own doorstep by a negro named Williams, who had recently been in his employ as a valet but had been discharged. Williams, when arrested entered upon a rambling story of his grievances.

THE MANCHURIA QUESTION.

RUSSIAN AND CHINESE TROOPS IN CONFLICT.

While some Russian soldiers were marching towards Shan-hai-Kwan they pretended to mistake a body of Chinese Imperial troops for robbers, with the result that a fight ensued. Altogether, there are now 10,000 Chinese troops in Manchuria.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN BOMBAY.

ESTIMATED DAMAGE ONE LAKH.

LAST night a fire broke in Chuckla Street—one of the busiest localities in Bombay, where native merchants carry on business in cotton, wool, and silk piece-goods and other commodities—and resulted in the destruction of a range of business premises. The frontage of the building abutting Chuckla Street, was used as shops, while its rear which faced a narrow passage known as Dhobee Gully contained a succession of godowns. These shops with the godowns attached to them belonged to Tyeb Haji Mahomed, Aboobakar Abas and Company, and Dawood Haji Mahomed. All these business places were open during the day and were closed at the usual hour in the evening. About half past 8 o'clock some residents in Dhobie Gully noticed volumes of smoke emanating from the godown belonging to Aboobakar Abas and Company, and gave the alarm. Telephonic messages were despatched to the different fire-brigade stations, and the engines came in quick succession from all parts of the city. Mr. Nicholls, the Chief of the Fire-Brigade, was also promptly on the scene. However, by the time the engines arrived the fire had extended to the adjoining shops and godowns and the whole premises were ablaze. Two of the engines were set to work, and with well disposed lines of hose the fire was hemmed in from all sides and brought under control in an hour. The flames were completely put out by 10 o'clock. The damage is roughly estimated at a lakh of rupees. The origin of the fire has not been ascertained. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

RELIEF FOR POOR WHITES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—With a view to minimise the annoyance caused to charitably-disposed persons both in their homes and offices by the practice of apparently needy persons going from door to door asking relief we take the liberty of requesting you to publish this letter regarding two charities whose existence it appears desirable to make better known—one the Strangers' Friend Society and the other the Bombay European and Eurasian Poor Fund Association, and trust that the Public of Bombay, when they have money or old clothes to give away, will forward to or reserve the same for the Bombay European and Eurasian Poor Fund Association, and will also assist the institutions named below in the carrying out of the object for which they were established, viz., to put a stop to vagrancy by the prevention as far as practicable of the award of indiscriminate charity. This opportunity is also taken to warn people against bogus subscription lists which are at times presented.

The Strangers' Home which is situated in Love Lane (Motishaka-gully), Byculla, is open from early morning till 8 p. m. for the reception of destitute male Europeans, including Colonials and Americans, who are strangers to Bombay. Admission is obtained by merely applying to the Superintendent of the Home, who is resident on the premises and no deserving case is ever turned away. Food and shelter are usually given for one month, but this period is extended if the case deserves it. There is no accommodation for females or men with families in the Home, but pecuniary help is given to these, after enquiry, by the Honorary Secretary of the Strangers' Friend Society at 9, Clare Road, Byculla, on any day up to 10 a. m. The Society also assists with railway tickets men (Europeans) who can satisfactorily show that they have obtained work up-country, if they have no funds.

The Bombay European and Eurasian Poor Fund has recently been reconstituted, and the committee is now composed of representatives from all churches and chapels, except the Roman Catholic Church, which has a fund of its own, and eight laymen. Its office is situate in the compound of the Church Mission House, Dhanji Street, Girgaum, and the committee meets every Thursday at 5 p. m. to enquire into cases seeking relief; urgent cases are attended to every morning at 10 o'clock by the Honorary Secretary at the office. The fund deals with the cases of needy resident Europeans and Eurasians, and Eurasians who are strangers to Bombay (both male and female), and awards money, food, tickets, clothing, and, in some instances, rail tickets. It is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions, and a circular letter with the subscription book is about to be sent round to the public soliciting help both monetary and in the shape of cast off clothing.

The foregoing shows that so far as poor Europeans and Eurasians are concerned provision exists for all who really need and deserve help, and the public are earnestly requested not to assist either with money or clothing those persons who go from door to door seeking help, but to refer all such cases either to the Honorary Secretary of the Strangers' Friend Society or the Honorary Secretary, Bombay European and Eurasian Poor Fund, who are always ready to make the necessary enquiries and to give assistance to those really deserving aid.

C. N. HALL,
Hony. Secy. and Treasurer, Strangers' Friend Society.

R. S. HEYWOOD,
Hony. Secy, Bo. E. and E. Poor Fund.

R. G. MONTEATH,
Hony. Treasurer, Bo. E. and E. Poor Fund.

Bombay, December 2.

PASSENGERS PER S.S. OCEANIEN.

THE following passengers will sail to-day at 8 a.m. per Messageries Maritimes Company's steamer Oceanien, from Victoria Dock No. 10, for Marseilles, etc. There will be the usual medical inspection at the dock at 7-30 a.m. sharp. Native servants and ayahs must be at the Prince's Dock disinfecting shed at 7-15 a.m. with all their baggage:—Mr. and Mrs Aubert, Mr. Dervand, Major and Mrs. A. F. Bruce, Captain R.A. Birley, Mrs. Capolun, Mr. and Mrs. Drake Brockman, Mr. Desmazures, Mr. Gusguelot, Mr. A.Holdroyd, Mr C. H. Henrteau, Mr Jacquin, Major H. King, Mrs Loye, and 2 infts., Lieut. E. H. Lancaster, Mr D. MacDonald, Mr and Mrs Michel and 3 infts., Mrs Moyman, Major A. F. and Mrs Bruce, Misses Ninde, Mr Noury, Mr Roussel, Mr and Mrs Robin Massi, Mr Rls, Major W.H. Stewart, Major H.M. Twynam Lieut. R. Teesdale, Miss Watt, and Mr Williams Joseph.

HOSPITAL FEES.

REVISED REGULATIONS.

REGARDING the fees for out-door and in-door patients at Government Hospitals, and Dispensaries, and fees for out-door and in-door patients at Grant-in-aid Dispensaries, the following Government Resolution was issued yesterday:—

1. After careful consideration of the various questions involved, the Governor-in-Council is of opinion that the time has not yet come for any general increase in the charges made to patients at hospitals and dispensaries. The faith in European medical science is not yet so widespread as to make it likely that generally patients who might be deterred by high fees from going to Government institutions would resort to qualified private practitioners rather than to ignorant and unlicensed vaids, or hakims. In-patients, in particular, have no alternative to Government hospitals, for private hospitals are almost unknown.

2. The facts reported do not seem to justify the conclusion that the Government hospitals and dispensaries are used to an undue extent by persons who should more properly be treated in their own homes, and the Governor-in-Council cannot admit that persons of any class should be excluded from the benefit of hospitals whether as in-patients or out-patients. It is clear that in the mofussil hospitals generally the vast majority of the in-patients belong to the poorest class, and that only a very small percentage of them could pay any fees at all. In the presidency Town the proportion of paying patients is larger, but even there and in the Poona Hospital it does not seem clear that any large proportion of the in-patients are persons who should have been treated in their own houses. In the out-patient departments abuses seem to be more prevalent and should be dealt with under the rules now to be prescribed.

3. The Governor-in-Council is unable to accept the principle that the medical officer of a hospital or dispensary should be allowed to charge fees for attendance given in the institution. This could only be allowed if the patient had the option of employing his own doctor, a system to which, in this country, there are very weighty objections. In order, however, to reduce the cost of the institution the fees charged to persons who can afford to pay and credited to the institution may fairly include a payment for the services of the medical officer, which, in view of the fact that many patients are treated together, should be very moderate.

4. It also appears to the Governor-in-Council that the levy of fees in strict proportion to the patient's income is open to objection. Ability to pay does not depend upon income alone, but upon the difference between ordinary income and ordinary expenditure; and in many cases a medical officer has no means of ascertaining what a patient's income is. Moreover, there is no reason why any distinction should be made amongst people whose means are ample; such persons should pay according to the service rendered. The principle adopted in the St. George's Hospital, of charging according to the accommodation and attendances provided, seems to the Governor-in-Council to be the fairest.

5. The hospitals and dispensaries are intended primarily for the poor, for whom a sufficient number of beds should always be reserved. All persons in receipt of an income of less than Rs. 20 per mensem may be classed as poor and admitted free. All other in-patients should pay a sum calculated to cover the average cost of their daily diet, unless they make their own arrangements for food: and should also be liable to make a daily payment in proportion to the accommodation and attendance provided for them. Such persons as would have to pay for advice and attendance as out-patients should also pay for it as in-patients, and where trained nurses and separate rooms are provided a higher charge should be made.

6. In view of the principles above laid down, the Governor-in-Council sees no need for any change in the basis of the scale of fees charged to in-patients at the St. George's Hospital and for the present does not deem it expedient to direct any increase in the amounts of the charges. The Surgeon General should now consider in the case of the other Government hospitals except the Gokaldas Tejpal Hospital to which special orders apply what charges should be made to in-patients in accordance with the principles laid down in this resolution. In the case of every hospital to which a Nursing Fund is attached the opinion of the Committee of the Fund should be obtained and submitted to Government with the Surgeon General's own views.

7. In the case of in-patients in grant-in-aid dispensaries no alteration in the existing rules is called for. To provide for the case of out-patients at such dispensaries the following should be substituted for No. 27 (3) (a) of the Grant-in-aid Dispensary Rules:—

All persons paying income tax, all persons paying land revenue to the amount of Rs. 330 and upwards per annum, all persons whose income from land held by them or from other sources is Rs. 500 per annum and upwards and all servants, whether Municipal or Local Board, or servants of any firm or company, pensioners, other than military servants of Native States, including persons of neighbouring villages of Native States, drawing Rs. 40 per mensem or upwards, who may attend dispensaries for medical advice and treatment for themselves or their household, shall pay the following charges:—

Eight annas for consultation at the dispensary and three annas for medicines, including an ordinary bottle of medicine and anything else prescribed.

Four annas for every succeeding consultation and three annas for medicines.

Provided that Government servants who are entitled under the orders of the Government of India contained in their Resolution No. 14—447-04, dated the 23rd October 1894, to gratuitous medical attendance and medicines shall be exempted from payment of the fees at dispensaries where an Assistant Surgeon or a Hospital Assistant is stationed by Government.

In places where there is no qualified private practitioner the charges above specified may be compounded for by a yearly payment of Re. 1 (one) for each member of the household. Payment may be made at any time during the year, but will exempt from liability only up to the end of the following March.

In places where there is a qualified private practitioner the Collector is empowered, in concert with the Dispensary Committee, to fix such rates of composition not being less than the rates sanctioned above as shall encourage private practice and discourage the use of the dispensaries by persons able to pay for advice.

8. Owing to the fact that grant-in-aid dispensaries are financially independent of one another, it does not seem possible to adopt the principle that a composition fee paid at one dispensary should exempt from charges at another.

9. The rules for out-door and in-door patients at grand-in-aid dispensaries should be made applicable to all dispensaries maintained by Government.

10. Persons of the classes specified in paragraph 7 above as liable to pay fees at dispensaries should also be called upon to pay fees at all Government hospitals or the Jafar Sulaman Dispensary for Women and children, Bombay, which is the Out-patient Department of the Kama Hospital, which they or members of their household may attend as out-patients, at the following rates:—

Re. 1 (one) for first consultation.

As. 8 for each succeeding consultation.

Charges for medicines according to the scale laid down in Table C attached to the Surgeon General's letter No. 9501-A of the 22nd October 1903.

11. The payments hitherto known as "Hospital Stoppages" should in future be called Fees."

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

THE P. and O. S. N. Co's steamer Peninsular, which is expected to arrive in Bombay on Saturday next, brings the following passengers:—

FROM LONDON.

Burton Mr A
Harrison Mr and Mrs H and inft.
Clayton Mr F
McEwan Mr W R
Clarke Mrs and 2 children
Forsyth Miss
Reid Surg-General A Scott
Reid two Misses
Prideaux Col and Mrs
Brodie-Mills Major
Brodie-Mills Miss
Pratt Major G
Shorrock Mr F
Harland Miss B M
Marsh Mr J S
Wilmer Mr
Hewson Miss
Bowles Mr L
Ashdown Mr W
Waugh Miss
Elliott Mr
Wilkinson Mr W J
Parker Mr J R
Mills Mr A
Beal Lieut G F
Earles Mr W G
Tagg Mr
Harris Mr
Prideaux Mr

FROM MARSEILLES.

Brittain Mr S S
Nunn Mr H
Claugstoun Mr H
Macaw Mr Roger
Hamilton Mr R
Robinson Mr J F
Robinson Mr T H
Rowlands Rev and Miss
Turnbull Mr H C N
McCutcheon Dr
Rose Miss
Nicholson Mrs F S
McKibbin Miss S
Todd Miss A M
Todd Mr
Coe Capt E D
Sutherland Mr J
Acris Mr J G
Martindin Mr
Briar Mr T G
Brander Lieut G H C
Brander Lieut E W
Hill Mr C H A
Hampson Mr G L
Hadow Major A W
Thorpe Mrs
French Mr E H
Stephens Rev W H and Mrs
Paget Mr R
Ingils Mr and Mrs T
Manners Lord
Manners Lady
May Hon Miss
Sherring Mr A E
Thornley Mr R B
Arbuthnot Major G K
Sutton Mrs J F
Maskrey Mr A
Naijak Dr S B
Ollivant Lieut G B
Batkin Capt C
Hamilton Mrs R C
Nichol Capt W Dalle
Shephard Mr A W

FROM BRINDISI.

Inverarity Mr J D
Kesch Mr A M
Anderson Mr G A

FROM PORT SAID.

Araby Mr W J
Agliasto Mr and Mrs T
One Married Couple

FOR KARACHI.

Casson Mrs and child
Pinto Mr J A
Howe Mr J
O'Reilly Capt P J
Bindloss Mr E H

THE FAR EAST.

RUSSIA IN MANCHURIA.

KWANGSI VICEROY'S OFFER.

"The Shanghai Mercury's" Moukden correspondent writes under date of October 23:—Without any warning to anybody a large number of Russian troops came to Moukden this forenoon and drove away the Chinese sentries from all the gates and the city took possession of the Imperial Palace and generally. No one knows the reason. A tendency towards a panic was the result.

A despatch received by a Chinese official at Shanghai from Canton states that Viceroy Tsen a few days ago telegraphed to the Throne declaring that as Manchuria was the cradle of the present dynasty and race, it should be the duty of all the Emperor's subjects to fight to the death for the integrity of the Three Eastern Provinces (Sengking, Kirin, and Heilungchiang) and free them from the encroachments of the Russians. He (Viceroy Tsen) therefore gladly volunteers to lead the Imperial armies now under his command against the Russians. In reply to the Viceroy's offer of services, which, by the way, was sent on the 1st inst., the Emperor commends His Excellency's patriotism and loyalty to the Throne, but commands him to remain for the present in the Two Kwang, where his efforts at restoring order in Kwangsi are deeply appreciated by their Majesties. The Emperor, however goes on to assure His Excellency that in the event of war being declared his loyal offer will not be forgotten and that special commands will be forwarded to Canton.

The Tokio correspondent of the "Manila Cable-news" says:—The situation is more clarified. The war clouds are lifting. Russia has withdrawn from Yong-ampho, the much-disputed town of Korea, and the forces built there by her is being dismantled. This news has created immense excitement in Japan as it shows Russia's disposition to avoid war by yielding a serious point.

THE UNREST IN CHINA.

It is reported from Peking (says the "N.-C. Daily News") that should there be no trouble with Russia it is the intention of some of the members of the Grand Council to advise the Empress Dowager to send Viceroy Yuen Shih-k'ai down South as Viceroy of the Two Kwang provinces, vice Viceroy Tsen taking with him his foreign-trained army, and also to recommend General Ma Yuk-lun, who is now Provincial Commander-in-Chief of Chihli, as Commander-in-Chief of Kwangsi province, with the privilege of also taking down with him his own army corps of 25,000 men.

It is also reported from Peking that H. E. Li Ching-hsi (nephew of the late Marquis Li Hung-chang), at present Governor of Kaicheu province, is going to be appointed Imperial High Commissioner to Kwangsi with full powers to crush the rebellion now going on there. The reason why Governor Li Ching-hsi has been selected for this work, it is stated, is due to the fact that while His Excellency was in Peking about five weeks ago he offered to the Throne to raise two million taels and equip a special force of 20,000 men to restore peace in Kwangsi province. It seems probable therefore that the central Government intends to take Governor Li at his word.

The Governor of Hunan wires to the Chinese Government that the rioters of Kwangsi have invaded several towns in Hunan causing great alarm amongst the natives. The Governor asks for the immediate despatch of troops from the northern provinces.

News from the interior of Chihli shows that there is considerable lawlessness in the province just now, mainly due to excessive want caused by the failure or destruction of crops. In the spring the want of rain, and later in the year the heavy rains have ruined all chance of harvest in several districts and in some places large tracts of land are still submerged. This no doubt has stimulated to daring robbery, and news comes of gangs attacking farms and intimidating the inmates, while some of the party actually cut down and cart off the kaoliang and other crops. The officials seem afraid to act, and the population between terror and starvation seem rapidly verging on rebellion.

THE LOSS OF A CHINESE CRUISER.

HOW THE COLLISION HAPPENED.

At the Admiralty inquiry at Shanghai into the circumstances of the Empress of India and Huangtai Collision a witness who was assistant Navigator on the cruiser said that when they saw the Empress coming behind no measures were taken by the Huangtai to avoid the collision, except to keep their course. I know the duties of an overtaken ship, he said and I consider it the right thing for an overtaken ship, when another is right behind simply to keep her course.—Mr. Sharp—Then I think you will have much to learn before you leave this Court.

The Assistant Navigator on the sunken cruise Huangtai giving evidence said:—It took an hour and three-quarters for the ship to sink. When the water began to pour in the Commander gave orders to have the pumps worked I suggested putting a sail over the hole, but this was not done. There ought to be proper collision mats on board, but I had only been on board two months and did not know whether there were any or not. Another witness said:—"I know what a collision mat is; we had them on board. On this occasion a collision mat was brought up but it was only a very small idea. No attempt was made to put it over the hole, as the water was rushing in too fast and the mat was small."

Another Chinese witness said. It was a little after ten o'clock when I first saw the lights of the Empress—a white light. I was then standing on the starboard side of the bridge and reported to the captain a ship right aft. The captain said It doesn't matter. I thought the steamer was six or seven miles off I watched her and saw the side lights come into view, three or four minutes later. This was with the naked eye I saw the green side light first and then the red. I made a further report to the captain, who again said, it doesn't matter.

THE PHILIPPINE PIRACY.

A REMORSEFUL BUCCANEER.

Says the "Manila Cablenews" of the sole survivor of the recent dramatic piratical escapade in the Philippines:—Herman sits in his cell at Cebu prison, waiting for his trail. He has told one of his friends that he wished he had died with Johnson. He is broken in heart and in spirit. His wound does not trouble him much. It was not of a serious character—Although the ball glanced close to the spinal cord. He expects little mercy, but he does not recriminate. He admits that he led Johnson astray. A charge was pending against him when he advised Johnson to make the dash from Misamis. Johnson was suspected of wrong doing, but there was little really against him, until Herman joined company with him. Then the whiskey and gambling ran through the funds in the Supply Officer's hands; and he turned a ready ear to Herman when the latter suggested making a bolt for it. Herman has confessed that it was he who suggested the boarding of the Victoria. He told Johnson there was nothing to prevent them from making the Bornean coast in safety and it was upon this assurance that the dead man assented to the making of the attempt. Therefore, the survivor of the sensational cruise is now suffering pangs of remorse; and as he said to his friend in Cebu prison, It would have been better if they killed me, too. I would have been spared what I am suffering now.

AN AMERICAN VARIETY COMPANY.

NEXT Monday Mr. M. B. Leavitt's Variety Company will give their first performance at the Novelty Theatre. The company appears to be a particularly strong one, and has gained highly eulogistic comment from the press of Ceylon, Madras, and Bangalore which places they have already visited. Crowded houses have been the rule in Madras, and the entertainment seems to be one which will prove highly attractive to the theatre-going public of this city. Among the troupe are Will Lansdowne, a baritone singer of some considerable reputation; Miss Georgia Putnam, who comes from the Knickerboker Theatre, New York; Mr. George Victor Loydall, a comedian who has been highly successful at the stations previously visited in this country; and several other artistes of considerable note. The booking arrangements have been entrusted to Messrs Soundy and Company.

Two men appeared before Mr. Plowden in an assault case. They had been arguing the point "What point?" inquired the magistrate. "Well, he had been in India, your washup, and he said he rode 100 miles on a elephant before breakfast. We laughed. Then he said he went tent-pegging on a camel, and when he missed the peg he sent his lance through the camel's head. After that he was taken in a elephant's trunk and throwed over its head. We took off our hats at that. He then bit it" "What?" "He got nasty. He gave me these two black eyes."

NOTES FROM PARIS.

L'AFFAIRE DREYFUS.

IN THE LATIN QUARTER.

PRO-ARMENIA.

PARIS, NOVEMBER 13.

THE Affaire is going to be reopened in a few days. Beyond the bare statement that the case is coming before the courts, the newspapers have not spoken of it. The fait nouveau, if it really exists, has been jealously guarded. The Socialists if they know the secret naturally would not wish to weaken its effect by any premature disclosure and the Nationalists have every interest in refraining from stirring up muddy waters. But there is suppressed excitement among Dreyfussards, who talk of the complete rehabilitation of the ex-captain. If new circumstances come to light we may yet have the spectacle of Mercier and some of the other generals who figured in the "affaire" brought before the High Court notwithstanding the amnesty pronounced by M. Waldeck-Rousseau. That obviously only referred to the facts already known. It will be remembered that M. Jaures and some of his Socialist colleagues in the Chamber occupied two days of last Session in an endeavour to reopen the case. The Chamber very properly decided that the controversy belonged to the judicial rather than the Parliamentary arena, but Jaures gained his point when General Andre on behalf of the Government promised an investigation. Then followed a long letter from Dreyfus himself in which he reiterated the demands of his friends for a fresh inquiry. The Government intended that the case should have come on during the vacation, but there were obstacles in the way. The question is whether we are going to see a revival, even in a partial form of the painful agitation which convulsed the country during the first and second trials. One may be excused from even thinking it possible. Nevertheless one must not reckon without the Socialists ever eager to draw political advantage from the least circumstance unfavourable to the Army and the etat-major. Jaures who declares himself the repository of the Republican principles pure and undefiled of Gambetta and Jules Ferry (together with their anti-militarism) does not cease to remind his followers that the army was the author of Brumaire and december 2. Consequently the army or at least the military spirit is the enemy of liberty. Therefore anything that tells against it is to the advantage of liberty—that is Socialism. Naturally if the journals of the "advance guard" continue to harp upon this string the bourgeoisie will get frightened and again support the army as against Dreyfus. Jaures plays his game mercilessly and with the genius of a tactician but we may hope that some sense of responsibility gained from the Presidential Chair of the Chamber may cause him to use his power with discretion and with due regard for the true interests of the country. Nevertheless, justice is sacred and it must be done even though the heavens fall. It is likely that the country, fatigued from its terrible experiences, will regard the matter judiciously rather than in any other light. The anti-Dreyfussard Felix Faure has given place to a president who distinguished himself by his sense of justice; Deroulede and other troublers of the peace are eating the bread of exile, and in general the atmosphere is less charged. Even a thunderbolt cannot do as much damage as heretofore.

Regularly at this season a solemn, and important ceremony, take place in the Latin Quarter. On to the Boulevard St. Michel have come scores of new students from all corners of the country, and since Murger's land appears strange to them, also a little alarming to them, they are kindly taken in hand by the older students, to whom nothing in this world is alarming. An appointment is made in a cafe, and then after a book or two, the novices are introduced to other student cafes, to the Bal Brellier, to Bohemian restaurants, to all the favourite haunts. Emotion in the Quarter! The youth of Normandy, Brittany, Gascony, and other remote provinces are getting their first gay glimpse of Murger's land—the land they have been dreaming of ever since they entered their teens. Not very old now—nineteen, perhaps twenty. Of course our novices would appear entirely at their ease; but they are plainly excited, they are plainly stirred at the project of being free. Nor are the elder students unmoved by the occasion. To act as mentor is something of a position, and our elder students delight in displaying their knowledge of the world, and especially of the Latin Quarter. It is probable that the novices have never been up so late in their life. In Brittany they were asleep by eleven—and now it is two in the morning! Next day, on stamped cafe note-paper, to many a distant province go enthusiastic accounts of the wonderful Latin Quarter; goes, also, the resolution to be good and industrious, and goes, very, probably, the intimation (in a postscript) that the next month's paternal allowance "in advance" would be welcome.

M. Loris Melikoff, founder of the fortnightly paper, "Pro-Armenia," and organizer of the great meeting lately held in the Sarah Bernhardt Theatre, intends to publish a record of the Macedonian agitation since the first public meeting, that of last February in the Chateau d'Eau. It will appear in the form of a pamphlet, containing not only full reports of the speeches and other proceedings in Paris, Lyons, and other French towns, but also of the public demonstrations held throughout Italy and Great Britain. It will be of great use to all who are interested in the Macedonian question. A complete report of the late demonstration here is printed in the new number of "Pro-Armenia." Pro-Armenia, in the conduct of which G. Clemenceau, Anatole France, Jean Jaures (Vice-President of the Chamber), F. de Pressense and E. de Roberty take a personal and direct interest takes note of passing events in other disturbed regions besides the East and North-East of Asia Minor. In as far as atrocities are concerned Macedonia is an Armenia of the west. What the Kurds are to the Christians of Armenia the Albanians are to the Christians of Macedonia. In the new number of the paper there is a list of savageries perpetrated during the first few days of October in the districts of Mouch Yan Segher, Diarbekr and Bitlis. Beside it appears a Macedonian record—for Adrianople and Salonika. Murdered while gathering wood in the forest violated massacred with his five companions, field taken by force and its lawful owner slaughtered because he resisted Christian farmers live stock carried off and taken from its captors by a rival band of robbers," "murders of so and so walking about the streets with impunity." Christian girl kidnapped and detained on the false ground that she was a convert to Islamism, the Moslem Judge refusing restitution. Such are the typical crimes of which the Sultan's wretched subjects are the victims every hour of the day, and of which "Pro-Armenia keeps regular—and, it is to be feared futile—count.

Is or is not M. Mounet-Sully, a candidate for election to the Academy of Fine Arts. The question has for the last twenty-four hours been interesting every educated man and woman in Paris. Whether M. Mounet-Sully be a candidate or not, everybody hopes he may be chosen for the Chair vacated by M. Roujon, who has been appointed perpetual secretary to the Academy. The Parisian point of view is worth thinking over. No one in Paris supposes that M. Mounet-Sulley personally cares for what the world calls honours. The doyen of the Comedie-Francaise, the greatest tragedian of his day, may well be content with the fame he has acquired in the exercise of his calling. What Mounet-Sully does care for is the resumption of a former practice, under which actors of genius were admitted as Members of the Academy of Fine Arts. The practice was, continued until nearly the end of the first quarter of the nineteenth century. To put the matter in another way, what M. Mounet-Sully does care for is an official recognition of his art as one of the Fine Arts—but an official recognition by judges who themselves are at artists. Why not? M. Mounet-Sully is himself an artist of the finest type. How would he—or his friends for him—set about it, if he trod the London instead of the Parisian stage! Why, they—not he, you may be sure—would beg for a knighthood, a sort of dist-

inction the indiscriminate bestowal of which right-eously tends to bring all such "honours" into con-tempt. In England a Mounet-Sully would be rewarded with a shoddy knighthood, and made to share his glory with a swarm of nobodies. In Paris, it is felt that the appropriate honour for the great actor is election to the assembly of his fellow artists. The Academy of Fine Arts, like another illustrious institution, is composed of forty immortals, grouped into five sections representing the arts of painting, sculpture, engraving, architecture, and music. Besides the forty, there are ten "free" members, ten foreign associates, and fifty corresponding members. In former times, the actors, admitted into the Academy—Mole, for example, and Preville—were elected as free members of the musical section. Members of this class cannot vote at elections. In other respects, they are on a footing of equality with the immortal forty. M. Mounet-Sully's election would delight the Parisians, who take their drama seriously recognising its value as an instrument of national culture. Their admiration for M. Mounet-Sully's great talent says much for their catholicity of taste. For Mounet-Sully represents the old-fashioned style, the "grand style"—a dying out, or dead, in England, and in France rivalled by quite other styles and manners.

French Legitimists dreaming of upsetting the Republic, should repair to No. 14 bis Rue St. Georges, Paris, where they may find a committee at work for the restoration of the Bourbons. His Royal Highness, Francis de Bourvon, Duke of Anjou, cousin to Alphonso XIII., King of Spain (in whose army he fills the post of general), has issued his proclamation and Paris is languidly amused over Duke Francis. Almost the only people in Paris who are not amused are the two or three Deputies of the Chamber whose names appear among the signatures to the Royal proclamation. A forgery, exclaims M. Lasies, in hot indignation; and M. Lasies is about to take legal proceedings against the forger—if only he can catch him. Unless M. Lasies be impervious to a joke, he might content himself with a protest in the newspapers. Duke Francois of Anjou, however is quite serious. There have been other legitimate claimants to the throne of the French Bourbons. There was his elder brother; but he surrendered his rights. There was Don Carlos, who was put up by the Prince Valoris, and who kept the game going for some years. The Don's supporters used to dine once a year in the Grand Hotel, where they made speeches, in the course of which they would run up the White Flag for a few ecstatic moments (and in fear of the police) behind their president's chair. After a time the Don and his Prince fell out; and the Don in disgust, gave up the tomfoolery. So the path was clear for Duke Francois of Anjou, to whom Prince Valoris explained the position, and who agreed to stand up for his claims. Francois is descended from Louis XIV.'s grandson, the Duke of Anjou, who became Philip V. of Spain. But if Francois and his friends know their history, they must be aware that the Spanish Bourbons, in the person of Philip V., renounced all claims to the Throne of France. And Duke Francois of Anjou, is a Spaniard. But he was born in France, his supporters rejoin; born at Toulouse fifty years ago. He is a Frenchman. Besides, the times have changed; the Republic is a miserable failure, a fraud; the Republic has been found out; wherefore, let us hoist the white flag and the lilies of France, dropped a generation ago from the feeble hands of the Duc de Chambord. M. Henri Rochefort, in his characteristic vein, makes the remark that Combes, Loubet, and the rest are ready to sell to the highest bidder, but that Francois has no cash. What is the other News—the Orleanist—about all this time? The Bonapartists appear to have evaporated. But in the black clerical regions of Western Brittany some few obscure mal-contents have been speechifying and manifesting for the restoration of the "citizen King." Among the discontented are one or two Skittish bishops.

Mr. E. J. Pollock is probably the oldest member of the colony that represents British commerce in this City. He was one of the founders of the Chamber of Commerce. He has definite ideas on the subject of the Chamberlain proposals. We must have a tariff if we are to live, he said. Call it reciprocity, or retaliation, or what you like, but the fact remains that it is the only way to keep the markets open to us. It provides the means of bargaining. A nation's business should be conducted on the same lines as an individual's business. Without the power of bargaining the merchant could not keep his office open twenty-four hours. Now, if we have this tariff, we can bargain. We can say to France, your silks are good, but we can get them just as good from Italy, and even from Switzerland. Therefore, if you want your silks to have the advantage of a reduced tariff, you must make us concessions. When Sir Charles Dilke came to France in the early seventies to negotiate a treaty of commerce, Mr. Pollock was consulted with regard to certain categories of merchandise. I was struck, he said, when recalling that time, with the weak position in which Great Britain found herself. When M. Clozane, the then Minister of Commerce asked what advantages England proposed to give for certain concessions, Sir Charles was forced to answer the favoured nation cause, which is mere humbug. We were met with the same thing when M. Meline went to London on a similar errand. Mr. Pollock has just returned from Canada, whither he went as one of the delegates of the British Chambers of Commerce. A remark of his on the subject of that visit is worthy of record. When England spends so much on her fleet to protect her grain carrying vessels, is it not worth while to disburse at least an approximate amount in developing the farm from which her supplies can always come? The farm of course, is Canada—capable of feeding Great Britain in a few years. One of Mr. Pollock's ideas is that with the suitable investment of capital, with or without Government guarantee, Ireland might easily become the Normandy and Brittany of the British Isles in the supply of poultry, eggs, and butter.

REMARKABLE BALLOON VOYAGE.

FROM MOISSON TO PARIS IN THE 'YELLOW ONE.'

The records to the credit of the steerable balloon are being gradually improved, and the most notable feat accomplished in aerial navigation was achieved on November 12th.

The large steerable balloon known as Le Jaune, belonging to the Lebaudy Brothers, yesterday made a trip from Moisson, near Mantes, to Paris a distance as the crow flies of thirty-four miles and a half.

Moisson lies north-east of Paris; but as the wind blew from the south-south-west at six and a half yards per second, the course taken by the aeronaut made the actual journey nearly sixty miles, which was accomplished in one hour and forty-two minutes.

M. Juchmes, the aeronaut who has already made several remarkable journeys, and who was accompanied by M. Roy, in charge of the powerful Mercedes motor, states in his official report, as given in the "Standard," that he left Moisson at twenty minutes past nine, the wind velocity being six metres per second, and its direction south-south-west. The air-ship first of all crossed the Seine and proceeded as far as Fontenay Saint Cere. Its head was then put to the wind, and it passed back over Mantes to Gargenville, whence it followed the Seine as far as Meulan. The balloon then struck across country and passed over Verneuil and Poissy, and subsequently the forest of Saint Germain. The capital was approached by Nanterre and Mont Valerien, and the Seine crossed for the last time at Longchamp. The balloon then passed over Longchamp Racecourse and the Pass Gate to the city, and made straight for the Eiffel Tower, alighting in the Champ de Mars near the Galerie des Machines.

M. Lebaudy subsequently had his airship housed in the Galerie des Machines and hopes that the public will be admitted to see it during the next few days.

The Lebaudy airship, although cigar-shaped, tapers more to a point than the Santos-Dumont airships. It differs from them also in that it is provided with lateral propellers, while the car and framework are not suspended by wires but attached to the balloon proper by steel tubing. The airship is 180ft. long and has a gas capacity of 2,300 cubic yards. Its engine is a 40-h.p. Mercedes. M. Santos-Dumont was one of the first to reach the Galerie des Machines yesterday afternoon and to congratulate M. Lebaudy.

BOMBAY STANDING COMMITTEE.

The weekly meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bombay Corporation was held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Council Hall Dr. A. G. Viegas presiding. There were present: Mr. T. W. Cuffe, Lieut.-Col. H. P. Dimmock, Mr James Macdonald, Mr. H. G. Gell, the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, the Hon. Mr. Vithaldas Damodar, Dr. N. N. Katrak, Dr. K. E. Dadachanji, Mr. Munmohandas Ramji, Mr. W. L. Harvey, the Commissioner, and Mr. M. N. Wadia, the Secretary.

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER.

The Committee recorded Government resolution appointing Lieutenant-Colonel H. P. Dimmock as a member of the Standing Committee in the room of Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram.

ROADS ON NOWROJI HILL.

The following letter from Mr. Jalbhoy Ardeshir Sett, complaining of the bad condition of the roads on Nowroji Hill, was considered:—"I have to bring to your notice that all the roads on Nowroji Hill being open to the public for over half a century, and as the Municipality had laid already sewage pipes before the year 1888, and even put lights on some roads, there is no doubt that these roads are public streets within the meaning of the Municipal Act. I have been applying to the Municipal Commissioner and also to the Executive Engineer for more than a year to repair these roads, as they are in a very bad state, and to remove the obstructions generally caused by the house-owners living on the sides of these roads which cut off all access to my property; yet the Commissioner informs me that for some order of the Standing Committee the roads cannot be repaired at present. On making further enquiries I am informed that some test case is to be brought against one of the tenants to know as to who is responsible to pay for the cost of the repairs. Nearly now a year and a half has elapsed and yet the responsibility is not settled. May I, therefore, request you to give this matter your early attention, and either order the roads to be repaired or take steps to determine as to who is responsible for the cost of the repair of the roads."

The letter was fowarded to the Commissioner for favour of remarks.

LEAKAGE OF WATER MAINS.

The Committee considered a letter from the Commissioner with regard to the appointment, sanctioned by the Corporation, of a special officer to be brought out from England to ascertain the cause of leakage of water mains, &c. The Commissioner in his letter states:—Mr. Arthur Edwin Sherring has been selected for the purpose on a salary of Rs. 750 per month or Rs. 9,000 per annum, including all allowances. His term of service has been fixed for one year from the date of his taking up appointment in Bombay subject to such extension as may be deemed necessary, and it has been stipulated that his salary will commence from the date of his leaving London for Bombay, and that he will be paid his passage, &c., from London to Bombay and back. It has been arranged that Mr. Sherring should leave London on 19th November so that he will be in Bombay on the 5th instant. The salary payable to him for one year and 16 days will be about Rs. 9,400. To this will have to be added about Rs. 1,300 on account of railway fare and passage money which has been advanced to him by Mr. G. Midgley Taylor (return first class passage, Marseilles to Bombay, £72-0-0 and railway fare, London to Marseilles, £9-9-5, return fare Marseilles to London to be paid when Mr. Sherring returns, for which a grant will hereafter be applied for). The total charges on account of Mr. Sherring's salary and passage, etc., expenses will aggregate Rs. 10,700. As there is no special provision for the salary, etc., of the officer, I request the sanction of the Standing Committee and the Corporation to the cost being met provisionally from the balance amounting to Rs. 22,330-11-3 of the grant of Rs. 32,196 sanctioned by the Corporation under their resolution No. 14492 of 3rd March, 1902, in connection with the appointment of a Special Officer for carrying out the investigations about leakage.

It was resolved to recommend the Corporation to sanction a grant of Rs. 10,700 required for Mr. Sherring's salary and expenses.

TULSI WATER.

Consideration was given to the following letter from the Divisional Health Officer, No. 1 Division, with regard to the quality of filtered Tulsi water:—With reference to the Standing Committee's Resolution, of 11th November, 1903, I have to report that the cause of the increase of the albuminoid ammonia in the sample of filtered Tulsi water analysed in October was the failure of the filter to completely oxidise the vegetable organic matter contained in the unfiltered Tulsi water. This organic matter was partly in solution and partly contained in the algæ and vegetable debris brought from the Lake and from the interior of the Tulsi main. The amount of vegetable debris and algæ found in the water in October was much greater than had been present in the previous months. In the first place the filter was required to mechanically separate out this sediment from the unfiltered water which it did completely. In the second place the organic matter contained in this sediment had to be broken up and oxidised by means of the so-called vital action of the filter. When this process is entirely completed the albuminoid ammonia is further oxidised and disappears as such from the water. In the case under reference the amount of this solid organic matter in the form of algæ and debris of algæ and other vegetable growths was too great to allow of this process being carried out to the full, and in consequence there was a greater amount of albuminoid ammonia present in the filtered Tulsi water than in the former months, when there was less sediment for the filter to deal with and the oxidation could be carried out more completely. In October of each year there has been a similar excess of algæ in the unfiltered water, but their numbers get rapidly less, and by January there are hardly any algæ to be found in the water.'

The Deputy Executive Engineer, Water Works, in his memorandum to the Commissioner, states:—"The Tulsi water always deteriorates in October in transit, owing to the rise in temperature which occurs in the conclusion of the monsoon. In my opinion the Cutch sand in filter No. 4 is too coarse for efficient filtration when the water is highly charged with impurities and requires an upper layer of finer sand such as was originally provided and afterwards removed. With the advent of cold weather the quality of the water appears to have much improved."

On the motion of Dr. K. E. Dadachanji the letters were recorded, and it was further resolved to ask the Commissioner to inform the Committee as to when the filter was cleaned; what was the head of water passed through; what was the rate of filtration; when the increase quantity of albuminoid ammonia was found in filtered Tulsi water in October last; and why was the final layer of sand removed.

LOAN WORKS BUDGET.

The Committee then proceeded to consider the Loan Works Budget estimates for the year 1904-1905. The Commissioner in his introductory remarks to the budget states:—The opening balance is estimated at Rs. 8,00,779, which together with Rs. 15,00,000 proposed to be raised during the year, and the estimated unexpended balances remaining on hand out of current revenue and loan funds grants on 31st March, 1904 will raise the sum available for expenditure to Rs. 27,30,000. Against this sum the total estimated expenditure on loan works during the year amounts to Rs. 24,80,000 leaving an anticipated balance of Rs. 2,50,000 at the close of the year. Provision has been made to the extent of Rs. 10,43,657 for the following works included in the 37½ lakhs loan, for which the sanction of Government is still to be obtained:—Drainage—17 catchpits on pipe sewers and 7 catchpits on ovoid sewers, Rs. 70,115; sewerage of the Malabar Hill District Sectional Rs 1,77 845; Sewerage of the villages of Wadalla, Gowri, and Khara, Rs. 60,000; Sewerage of the Dharavi village, Rs. 70 000; total Rs. 3,77,961. Water Works: Construction of additional filters at the Malabar Hill Reservoir, Rs. 2,93,00; Laying water mains in connection with the City Improvement Trust Schemes, 9in. and 4in. mains in the new roads in the Agripada District, Rs. 51,874; 4in. main in Sakhi Street, Rs. 1 700; 4in. main in Connaught Road Estate, Rs. 1,670; 4in. main in new street near Lohar Chawl, Rs. 3 500; 4in. main in Wodehouse Road Rs 5,240; Mains in 1st Nagpada Scheme Rs. 8 412; Replacing the Vehar Main for the whole distance between Kurl and Nehar Rs. 75,000; Renewal of 32in Vehar main south of Kurla Rs. 2,25 000; total Rs. 10,43 657. The City Improvement Trust have notified part of C Ward stables for acquisition, and it will be necessary to make fresh provision for stables in this Ward. Detailed proposals will be submitted hereafter. In view of the possibility of the question of using steel mains being settled by the middle of the year and in anticipation of the Corporation's approval to the proposal made in my No. 8140, dated the 24th June, 1903, regarding the change in the size of the main from Gorupdeo Road to Sewri Cemetery Road provision to the extent of Rs. 5,05,700 has been made for the different water works sanctioned out of the 25 lakhs and 24½ lakhs loans and from savings on different loan works. The savings on loan works already executed, which are available for appropriation, aggregate Rs. 2,49,203-10-11. From this it is proposed to meet during 1903-04 (1) Rs. 10,974 on account of the cost of certain works in connection with the Fire Brigade sanctioned from current revenue under Corporation Resolution No. 2236, dated the 10th September, 1903; and (2) Rs. 3 000 on account of constructing manholes over drains for which no provision exists in the current year's budget, leaving a net balance of Rs. 2,35,229-10-11 as per page 108, from which it is proposed to reserve Rs. 40,000 for improvement of roads, the cost of which is estimated to exceed Rs. 20,000 in each case and to utilize the balance for meeting the cost of the following new works which are urgently needed:—Extension of the 15 in. sealed sewage main in Ferguson Road from the culvert to Worli Road, Rs. 11,333; Permanent manholes over drains Rs. 11,304; Zinc vent shafts on pipe sewers in the Fort sewerage district, Rs. 5,646; Constructing a coal shed, a coal tramway, and a fence round the compound of the Love Grove Air Compressor Station, Rs. 13,431; Providing living and other accommodation at different Fire Brigade stations Rs. 14,000; Construction of a chawl of 52 rooms at the Bandora Slaughter Houses, Rs. 37,000; Providing latrines and urinals at different places as detailed in Commissioner's No. 20112, dated 12th October 1903, Rs. 62 163; Providing accommodation, etc., for the General Stores, Rs. 39,300; total Rs. 1,94,177. For the reason stated in the Revenue Budget no provision has been made in this budget for the recurring plague expenditure. The amount proposed to be raised during the year on account of the first instalment of the 37½ lakhs loan is put at rupees fifteen lakhs, but the amount which may have eventually to be raised is contingent on the settlement of questions of Drainage and Water Works under the consideration of the Corporation.

The various items were considered and the estimates as framed were passed. The Committee then adjourned.

SAVED FROM THE GALLOWS.

APPEAL TO THE HIGH COURT.

Mr. C. Roper, Additional Sessions Judge of Bijapur, in October last, convicted Ningya bin Rayappa Uppar of abetment of murder, and sentenced him to death. An appeal by the accused was heard at the High Court on Tuesday before the Hon. the Chief Justice and the Hon. Mr. Justice Aston. Mr. Ruttanial Runchodlal appeared for the accused; and the Government Pleader for the Crown.

The appellant and two other persons were charged before Mr. Roper with committing or abetting offences under Sections 302 and 328 of the Penal Code, Tippana, whose death was the subject of the present proceedings, lived in a house in the village of Hattarkihal with his wife Gowrana and his younger brother the appellant. On the night of the 11th July last, some time after dark, the deceased left his house apparently in good health, and in a short while returned, complaining of abdominal pain. He said he had been given some sugar at the house of accused No. 1, that the three accused and Shivalingawa, mistress of accused No. 1, were then present, and that since then he was in pain. He expired the following afternoon. On a review of the evidence, Mr. Roper found accused No. 1 guilty of an offence under Sections 328 and 109 of the Penal Code and sentenced him to ten years' transportation. Accused No. 2 was acquitted and discharged while the appellant accused No. 3 was sentenced to death. Mr. Roper remarked that the appellant was shown to have originated and taken the chief part in a conspiracy to poison his brother to death and to have succeeded therein. The possibility that it might not have been he who actually administered the poison could not in Mr. Roper's opinion be regarded as mitigating his offence.

Sir Lawrence Jenkins in giving the court's judgment on the appeal said:—Ningya bin Rayappa Uppar has been convicted under Sections 302 and 114, Indian Penal Code, of the murder of his brother, Tippana, by the Additional Sessions Judge of Bijapur, and sentenced to death. Of the two assessors one took the same view while to the other it appeared that though the accused conspired to give what he knew to be arsenic to the deceased it could not be presumed that this was done with the intention to cause death. The case for the prosecution was that the deceased was murdered by Nagappa Shivalingappa, Adiwya Ballingappa, and Ningya, who administered arsenic to him. The result of the trial has been that the first of these three has been convicted under Sections 328 and 109, Indian Penal Code; the second has been acquitted; and the third (whose case is now before us) has been convicted and sanctioned as above stated. It is, in our opinion, clear that the deceased died of arsenic, that the arsenic was given to him, mixed with sugar, in Nagappa's house, and that the convicted accused were in the house at the time when the arsenic was given to him. It is, moreover, established, that relations between the third accused and deceased were far from friendly, and that, after his brother's death, the third accused endeavoured to keep back from the authorities the clothing on which were vomitings and excretions of the deceased important evidentiary matter in connection with the crime; and in his statement before the Magistrate on the 17th July 1903, the accused apparently suggests that he was not in Nagappa's house when the sugar was given to the deceased. Then, in addition to this, we have the statement of the co-accused Nagappa, made under such circumstances that it must be taken into consideration, and the evidence of Shivalingawa, directly implicating the accused. There can be no doubt that Shivalingawa's evidence must be approached with the greatest caution, both on account of the part she took in the affair and of the intrinsic defects of her testimony. Still it is corroborated in material particulars, and was believed by the court below, and it is a significant fact that even the second of the two assessors, who with evident reluctance came to a finding against the accused, still held that he had conspired to administer arsenic to the deceased. The facts, in our opinion, justify the conviction which we accordingly affirm. But we do not confirm the sentence, having regard to the result of the trial in the case of the other accused, and to the strong doubt we entertain whether this accused was the prime mover in the matter. We accordingly sentence him to transportation for life.

THE WEATHER.

Observations taken at 8 A.M., on Wednesday the 2nd December.

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes though slightly, irregular show a rise over a large area. The rise has been brisk in Lower Sind, and at Amraoti, Nagpur, Khandwa, Jubbulpore, Hoshangabad and Raipur, but the barometer is still from 1 to ·9 in defect of normal.

Winds are north-easterly or south-easterly at the majority of the reporting stations and the force has been generally light.

Temperature.—The greatest variations from normal are:—Maximum 5° to 8° in defect at Verawal, Coimbatore, Belgaum, Bellary, Mangalore and Bijapur and 5° to 7° in excess at Sholapur and Bhavnagar Prra, and minimum 5° to 8° in excess at Bellary, Masulipatam, Secunderabad, Karwar, Malegaon, Akola, Khandwa, Indore Neemuch and Jaipur and 5° to 6° in defect at Jacobabad, Delhi and Cawnpore. The maximum varied from 93° at Bhavnagar and Sholapur to 73° at Belgaum and the minimum from 78° at Negapatam to 38° at Lahore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is almost clear everywhere.

Rain amounting to an inch and half fell at Masulipatam and light showers at Coimbatore, Bellary, Secunderabad Cochin and Mangalore.

Weather continues fine generally. The Simla report of the 28th November states that two new spots of large size with brilliant faculæ were visible yesterday on the eastern limbs of the sun, but cloudy weather made chromaipheric observations impossible.

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

Towards the end of October there issued from the Warwickshire Estate office of the Duke of Buccleuch a notice that "the customary audit for receiving the Wroth Silver due and payable to his Grace the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry will be held at Knightlow Cross, on Martinmas Eve, Nov 11, before sunrising," and all and sundry liable to pay were called upon to be there. The custom goes back into the ages of hoary antiquity, and is duly observed in the presence of some hundreds of people, who go out from the neighbouring towns of Rugby, Coventry, and Leamington, and the villagers attend carrying their lanterns. The Duke got his tribute from twenty-seven parishes, and then provided breakfast for a certain number of persons, followed by hot rum and milk and churchwarden pipes, with tobacco. The penalty for not paying the money due is the forfeiture of 20s. for every penny, and, "a white bull with a red nose." The ceremony maintains its interest for the inhabitants, most of the people who go having to travel six or eight miles by break of day. There is one old man who has attended at Knightlow Hill for three and sixty years in succession.

CAREER OF CRIME.

REMARKABLE STORY OF AN ADVENTURESS.

GIRL'S STRANGE LIFE.

In the course of twelve months Lillie Miers, a handsome but dissipated-looking young adventuress, who appeared in the dock at the London Sessions, is believed to have made £1,000 by shop-lifting in the West End.

So stylish were her dress and appearance, however and so adroit her robberies, that she was scarcely ever even suspected.

It was only the unlucky accident of Detective-Sergeant Scholes being on the other side of a partition one day when she was pawning some stolen trinkets, that led to her arrest.

Her career has been an extraordinary one. She came of a good family, her father being a merchant in the City-Road with an extensive business.

Miers acted as her father's housekeeper for some time, and invested in his business a sum of money that she inherited on attaining her majority.

But evil times were in store for the merchant. His business fell away, he became insolvent and he eventually committed suicide.

Out of respect for the family a City firm in the same trade interested themselves in the girl's welfare, and gave her an engagement as traveller. Her earnings were about £2 to £2 10s. weekly.

Nearly a year later it was discovered from the books that there was something seriously wrong, and Miers was dismissed.

THREE TONS OF BLANKETS.

She then admitted sending in sixty or seventy bogus orders to obtain the commission.

At her lodgings were found three tons of blankets and other goods. These on her instructions, had been sent out to fictitious customers, and afterwards collected by her.

It was found some time later that the lady traveller after her discharge, had coolly collected debts on behalf of the firm to the amount of £500, which she appropriated, forging the endorsements to cheques where necessary.

Encouraged by her success in this direction, Miers launched into bolder flights of crime.

She took a costly flat in the West End, commenced to live in the most extravagant style, and became perhaps the most skilful shop-lifter in practice.

She was certainly the most dashing. Arrayed in the most valuable costume that she could procure without payment, she would drive up to a Bond-street shop and order—or discuss the ordering of—expensive articles to be made according to particular pattern.

Of course, she never called again.

After her departure goods were missed, but no one guessed the thief. In many cases suspicion was actually cast on the shop assistants.

Large jewellery establishments and fancy stationers were her favourite hunting grounds.

SOME OF THE PLUNDER.

During the present year Miers has pawned over 300 articles, including these:—

19 rings,	20 pencil cases,
10 watches,	12 purses,
142 charms,	16 scent bottles,
7 pins,	9 button hooks,
50 brooches,	6 fountain pens,
14 bracelets,	7 umbrellas.
18 neck chains,	

Shop-lifting, however, was not the only resource of this versatile adventuress. By telling a harrowing story of distress she induced a gentleman to give her £200. Her brother also sent her £130.

She spent money lavishly in theatre-going, and was inordinately fond of driving about in cabs. But she compounded for this by never paying her dressmakers, her butcher, baker and other tradesmen.

When she was sued in a county court for debt last month she wrote to the judge, forging her sister's name stating that she was dead.

She consulted a solicitor with a view to raising a large loan. To corroborate the story she told him of her position, she forwarded variously signed letters from a newspaper shop.

When she was brought up on five charges of shop-lifting in Bond-street, it was intimated on behalf of Miers' relatives that they felt bound now to refrain from helping her further until the expiration of her sentence.

"I was under the influence of morphia," was all that Miers now soberly attired in a close-fitting black jacket and dress would say for herself. Morphia tablets were found in her possession.

She heard the sentence of twelve months' imprisonment with a slight shrug of the shoulders, and left the dock without further remark.

LIBEL BY NOVEL.

GERMAN OFFICER SENT TO PRISON.

The court-martial of Lieutenant Bilse was concluded on Nov. 11, at Metz. He has been sentenced to six imprisonment and to be dismissed from the service.

Lieutenant Bilse was charged with insulting and libelling his superior officers in a noval called "A Little Garrison," which he had written concerning garrison life.

Witnesses for the prosecution were called this morning, the first being Captain Ey of Forbach, the little garrison town described in the book. Captain Ey was portrayed under a thin disguise as an officer whose wife was the colonel's mistress.

The president, addressing Captain Ey, said: "You are described in the novel as an uneducated, brutal, grossly inefficient officer, a drunkard, and a wife-beater. Is the description true? Not that I know of was the answer.

The President: "You are described as abusing your wife in foul language, with throwing boots at her."—"I know nothing of that," replied Captain Ey.

The president continued to ply the captain with questions of a similar character. Captain Ey admitted that his wife had often visited the military stables, and had learned to ride on regimental horses. She had even harnessed regimental horses to her own carriage.

CURIOUS JOKE.

"Your wife is described as calling you a low, scoundrelly beast," remarked the president. "If she did it was only as a joke," was the captain's reply.

The president then questioned Captain Ey on the age of his wife which the captain said he believed was fifty-one years and also on the allegation that she was the mistress of Colonel Fuchs, the commander of the regiment.

Captain Ey admitted that the accounts given in Lieutenant Bilse's book of various liaisons in the regiment were correct, and that the relations between the wife of Lieutenant Witte and his comrade, Lieutenant Koeb, were the subject of local gossip. Captain Erdler had divorced his wife owing to her relations with Lieutenant Bloch.

Both Captain Ey and the witness who followed him, Captain Bandel, testified that Colonel Fuchs evaded a duel with a local chemist who was a crack shot. Captain Bandel added that Captain Ey's wife had herself told him that she extricated the colonel from the affair, and the colonel revenged himself on the chemist by forbidding the officers to patronise the chemist's shop. Subsequently the colonel cancelled this prohibition.

Much amusement was created by the examination of Captain Ey as to the truth of a passage in the novel in which he is described as hopelessly drunk in a casino. His wife came to fetch him, and making a great scene before all the guests, dragged him home.

Lieutenant Bilse was liable on conviction to a sentence of ten years' penal servitude. That he got off with six months' imprisonment must be regarded as a concession to the truth of the libel contained in the novel. One month of the sentence will be considered as served, owing to his detention pending the court-martial. All the copies of the novel will be destroyed.

According to Reuter, it is stated that a number of officers are determined to challenge Lieutenant Bilse.

The record for long-distance walking, as done by a dog, is held by an American, one Tack, living in Toledo, Ohio. He was taken by his mistress to Pittsburg by train, a distance of 400 miles. But on arrival he disapproved of Pittsburg, and left for home. He took only six days to cover the 400 miles, but on arrival he found that his owner's house was shut up. With as much forethought as would have enabled him to travel home by motor car if properly applied, he wasted no time at an empty house, but made tracks for the nearest dogs' hospital where he applied for admission till his owner's return, says the "Animal's Friend."

HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

The visit of the King and Queen of Italy recalls the feeling of widespread satisfaction among the Italians at their marriage, which took place just seven years ago. Those who considered that the Prince of Naples might have chosen a consort from a family of higher position in the Royalty of Europe than the House of Montenegro were not in sympathy with Italian thought, for the Montenegrins are very popular in Italy, where their heroic history inspires universal enthusiasm. The Queen is attractive and distinguished, and besides possessing an intense love of art is herself a poetess and a proficient artist.

The Hottentots, who are giving the German authorities in S. W. Africa some trouble at present, are a curious wizened, yellow faced tribe. As far back as 1794 a native regiment of Hottentots was enrolled in Cape Colony by General Craig, and the present Cape Mounted Rifles is their lineal descendant. The Cape Colony Hottentots had always been a cause of anxiety to the Government, and in 1810 the last of their chiefs who had authority in the Cape was deposed and sentenced to penal servitude in chains for life. He escaped into Kaffirland, but was recaptured and sent as a convict to New South Wales, where he died in 1830. The Hottentot is lazy, careless, and of light but active build. There are about 75,000 of them in the Cape Colony, but they are most unlikely to give the authorities any trouble in connexion with the rising of their kinsmen in German territory.

The Rev. Robert F. Horton, D. D., whose correspondence with the Archbishop has been attracting so much attention is one of those who take an optimistic view of the spiritual life of the Metropolis. His own personal experience has been, with his own church and people, that in no part of the country is there such absolute devotion and such pure, unselfish Christian life as in London. But London is not only good, it is growing better. Everything, he said some time ago, is hopeful and encouraging. I believe that every vice is weaker than it was even fifty years ago. The vices of the community are much feebler in their influence. For instance, you don't get now large masses of people who are hopelessly drunk. You get drunkards, but you don't get societies that are habitually drinking, and you don't get the general shamelessness that used to prevail in London fast society, as it is called. The people who are sinful in London now are much more conscious that they are sinful and much more anxious to hide their sin than they used to be. "That proves," Dr. Horton added, "an immense growth of the general spirit of Christianity, and a real rise in the standard of morals."

An attempt on a large scale to introduce English song-birds into British Columbia is at present being made. The Victoria (B. C.) Natural History Society, we learn from Country Life, is taking out a consignment of about 500 birds consisting of 100 pairs of goldfinches, 100 pairs of larks, and fifty pairs of robins. They go by way of New York to Victoria. In accordance with the arrangements which have been made, half of the consignment will be placed in Vancouver and taken care of them until next spring, when they will be distributed throughtout the woodlands of the lower mainland. The remainder will be placed in Beacon Hill Park aviary and kept until spring, when they will be given their liberty at various points on Vancouver Island. It will be very interesting to hear if this extensive scheme of acclimatisation proves a success.

Some time ago Dr. Murray, editor of the Oxford English Dictionary, asked if anyone could tell him in what work one Fitzgerald wrote the phrase. He was the great Panjandrum of the place. Mr. Henry L. Boltwood, principal of the Township High School at Evanston, Illinois, writes to a New York contemporary: I am not sure of Fitzgerald, but the great Panjandrum appears in Miss Edgeworth's Harry and Lucy as a part of a piece of nonsense attributed to the actor Foote. Someone had boasted of his marvellous memory. Foote produced a passage of absurdities, commencing So she went into the garden to cut a cabbage leaf to make an apple pie, &c.—so he died, and she very imprudently married the barber, and there were present at the wedding (inter alios) the grand Panjandrum himself, with the little round button on top." Mr. Boltwood adds that he has always supposed this to be the origin of the word, and that Foote invented it.

Lord Alverston must still entertain a lively recollection of the late Judge Webb, whose action in increasing on appeal the sentence passed by the magistrates on Mr. Alexander Blane, M. P., he had to defend in the House of Commons in 1888. It was a remarkably lively debate, and the Attorney-General as he then was, had to answer a slashing criticism of Judge Webb's action, which Mr. Gladstone described as being in defiance of practice, of policy, of precedent, and totally impossible in England or in Scotland. But the vote went in favour of Judge Webb. Judge Webb was given an amusing nickname arising out of his fondness for horse-riding. Some of his friends called him Cob-Webb for this reason.

From the "Hospital": The death of the Polar bear which has inhabited the Zoological Gardens since 1895 of aneurysm of the aorta is of considerable interest from a pathological point of view. The text-books usually mention syphilis, alcoholism and physical overstrain as the chief causes of aneurysm apart from local injury. In the case of the Polar bear the first two may be safely excluded, and although we are not acquainted with his habits previous to his entry to the Zoo in 1895, his life since that date seems to have been peaceful enough to allow the exclusion of physical overstrain. Therefore some other cause remains to be revealed and this if applicable to the human, may give rise to issues of the highest importance.

A good story of an old crofter who appeared before the Commission to apply for a reduction of rent has just been told at a meeting in Glasgow. The number of cattle on the farm led Sheriff Brand to observe that surely the croft could not be in such a bad way as its owner would seek to show. "Och" replied the old fellow, "you should see the bit beasties." "What like are they?" queried the Sheriff. "They're as lean, sir as Pharaoh's kine." "How lean was that?" pawkily asked the Sheriff doubtless thinking that he had cornered the applicant. But had he? Not a bit. Like a flash came back the answer "So lean, my lord, that they could only be seen in a vision."

A reward of a shilling a head for the voracious birds cormorants has resulted in the destruction of more than 400 cormorants and an immense increase of small fish in the estuary of the Exe. The cormorant which suggested to Milton a weird simile for Satan—eats it is said twice his own weight of fish every day. Not satisfied with this wholesale destruction, the local Sea fishery authorities are petitioning the County Council to exclude the cormorant from the list of protected birds. No such animosity is felt against sea-gulls, who are handicapped by inability to dive and do not, even on fast-days, confine their fare to fish. Moreover, the gull being much smarter than his name implies, now finds an easy if disreputable livelihood by cadging from sentimental Londoners.

An interesting litte story is told of the recent visit paid by the German Empress to Ziegenhals; in Silesia, after the terrible inundations which have caused such distress there. Her Majesty was faultlessly dressed but with great simplicity and this fact made such an impression on a working man in the crowd that he said loudly as he turned away 'I'm going straight home to tear the flowers out of my girls' hats.

The farewell tour which Madame Patti is making through the States is likely to be memorable from more than one point of view. The great prima donna has managed to insure her voice for the trip. If she cannot sing at any one concert she is to receive £1,000. At the same time the singer has insured her voice for the whole trip in the sum of £10,000 the money to be paid in the not very probable contingency of total and permanent loss of voice. Madame Patti too is wearing a new dress on each occasion and as she is to sing at sixty concerts in all, her Paris dressmaker who has received the order will stand to pocket handsomely by the little transaction. The dresses have been made according to the climate in which she will be singing—of lighter material for the South and heavier for the North.

Yuan-shi-kai, the Viceroy of Chi-li, has imported from Germany, the Tientsin correspondent of the "Standard" telegraphs, nine motors for presentation to the Dowager-Empress of China. They have already arrived at Tientsin, and will run between Peking and the Summer Palace.

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Many years after, another trait of the King's was brought out by an accidental meeting with the Count. I refer to his well-known good memory. The Count had heard that the King was to land at Marseilles, where he then happenned to be. So he went down to the quay. Even amongst the crowd that had assembled, the King picked out his old teacher and called out to him: "Esperer, I remember!

By the way, when it fell to Mme. Loubet's lot to be taken in to dinner by his Majesty the King saw that she was intensely nervous. No one knows better than he how to put people at their case, and Mme. Loubet soon ventured a timid remark as to Queen Alexandra's health and general welfare, followed by inquiries as to the King's children. The King responded in his usual genial manner, and Mme. Loubet, still terror-stricken asked: And what will your Majesty make of your son? I hope to make him King of England some day, replied the King. And despite her nervousness the good lady could not but laugh at the quick answer. So says the story as I hear it, It ought to be true.

As I go to press, "says" M.A.P. I hear of the death of lord Rowton, at a moment when I have neither space nor time to write of him as I would wish. He was, of course Dizzy's secretary and confidential friend, and as Monty Corry, was for years one of the institution of London Society. Indeed, until near y the end, Lord Rowton was one of the most popular dinersout, and was ever the best of good reconteurs. How else could he be, when one recalls the old cartoon that represented him supporting Dizzy on his arm, with the significant legend, "Power and Place"?

Of Lord Rowton's philanthropic work in later years I need not now speak, though I may revert to it next week. Yet I may mention one story, told by Mr. Escott, which attracted me when I was dealing with that able writer's book, King Edward and His Court, last June. It was a forecast of the man who was to found the Rowton Houses as asylums for the distressed. There had been a disastrous fire in Clerkenwell, which, left a large number of very poor people, homeless and destitute. There is something grotesque, and yet something not without pathos, in the method in which Monty Corry set about relieving this distress. Fitted with a strong leathern girdle from which depended two enormous pockets, he drove to Downing Street to see his chief. In Heavan's name what is this? was the exclamation of surprised salute. I am going, replied the secretary, to distribute largesse of copper and silver to the Clerkenwell sufferers. I have a handsome waiting below; when I have placed some small change in these pockets I shall drive off. As may be seen to-day from the files of the illustated newspapers, commented Mr. Escott, the most gracious apperition amid the smoking ruines and charred homesteads on the spot of the outrage was a beautifully dressed young gentleman, with a girdle round his silk-faced frock coat, distributing benedictions and small change to hungry and grateful recipients at the East End.

Poor John Robinson! you heard everywhere in South African circles the other day when the cable had flashed over the bad news that independent Natal's first Premier had gone at last, after his long years of suffering. A great journalist and a great man was Sir John Robinson, whose like will not be found again very easily in South Africa, Just before Natal was given its new constitution, ten years ago. Sir John had occasion to visit London, and when he passed from the steamer to the train at Southampton, a prophetic writing on the wall—or rather on the side of a reserved carriage—caught his eye: Reserved for the Natal Premier. To many this did not seem a probable development at the time, but the man who wrote it, by way of a joke, knew the soundness of his tip. It slightly embarrassed the distinguished Durban editor for the moment, but he became Premier as soon as matters were settled under the new regime.

The many friends of young Lord Boringdon were greatly relieved to hear of his escape from the wreck of the Ovalau at Lord Howe Island, and no doubt he will now hurry home to his friends, as he has had enough of adventure in the South Seas to last him for some time. After a comprehensive tour of Australia, Lord Boringdon was induced to have a run over the Solomon Islands, and as he has proved himself an observant student, he will no doubt have something interesting to say about that wild and picturesque region and its people. These latter have only of late years given up the habit of dishing white visitors to the islands, and like the Fijians, they are apparently beginning to realise that there is more fun and value to be got out of the European invader by letting him alone to run about the place than by eating him. There is a line of steamers running now from Sydney to the Solomons, and the islands will doubtless soon become a favourite resort of tourists who like breaking new ground.

The negotiator of the Durand Agreement with the astute Abdure Rahman Khan of Kabul, for six years British Minister at the Court of the Shah, and for more than three years Ambassador at Madrid, Sir Mortimer Durand, will take with him to Washington a fine diplomatic record for which—as was pointed out in "M. A. P.'s" Society columns last week—he was trained in the Indian political service. He has just the qualities which appeal to Brother Jonathan, and is certain to gain great popularity across the water.

Sir Mortimer is fond of sport, and will, no doubt, take with him to Washington many of his Indian shooting trophies. Chief among these are an enormous skin and head of a Bengal tiger, the story of whose death he often tells, as the jungle was too thick for elephants to be used. Sir Mortimer was armed with both an Empress rifle and an eight-bore. The latter weapon he had never used, and when the tiger came on he expected to have dropped him dead by the steady aim he took with it. But the brute rushed on for thirty yards at full gallop and SirMortimer thought he had missed aim. From his coign of vantage, in the the fork of a tree he fired with the Empress rifle, into the brute's back, and this time he fell. When the tiger was skinned, it was found that the eight-bore bullet had raked it from the chest to the end of its body. It was evidently well endowed with the feline capacity for surviving.

I Think, writes Mr. J. S. Evers-Swindell, that Sir William Treloar is wrong in stating that Dr. Jelf was head of the A. division at King's College School in 1854. Dr. Mayor was the head, and Dr. Jelf, the father of the present judge, principal of King's College. It is quite correct about Jack Fernley, but still there was another side to his character; he was good hearted at bottom, as I found out, I think I was in the same class in the B division with Sir William.

The 'London Gazette' lately stated that HisMajesty has been pleased to grant by Letters Patent the ancient Barony of Fauconberg to Marcia Amelia Mary, Countess of Yarborough, and the ancient Barony of Darcy (de Knayth to Violet Ida Evelyn, Countess of Powis. The Countess of Yarborough was the elder daughter of the twelfth Baron Conyers, and at his death in 1888 became co-heiress to the Barony of Conyers, which was called out of abeyance in her favour in 1892. She also inherited estates which are believed to be worth some £20,000 a year. Curiously enough the Conyers title has constantly gone through the female line; indeed for some time the title was merged in that of the Dukedom of Leeds owing to the marriage of Amelia ninth holder of the title with the fifth Duke of Leeds. Her only son being childless the title and estates passed to her nephew Mr. Sackville Lane Fox who became the twelfth Baron Conyers in 1859.

THE Japanese Army has been organised on a uniform system on the basis of conscription. All male Japanese subjects of the age of seventeen to forty are liable to Military service. The Army is composed of the Imperial Guard, the twelve divisions, Taiwan (Formosa) garrison, gendarmerie, the reserves, the landwehr, and the depot. The following shows the total strength of the Imperial Army on December 31, 1900, no more recent statement having been published: Officers, 11,611; men, 457,480. These figures include the reserves.

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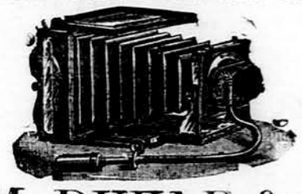

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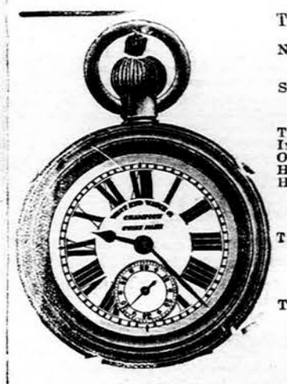

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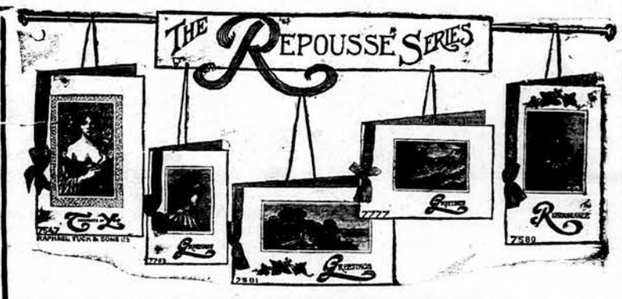

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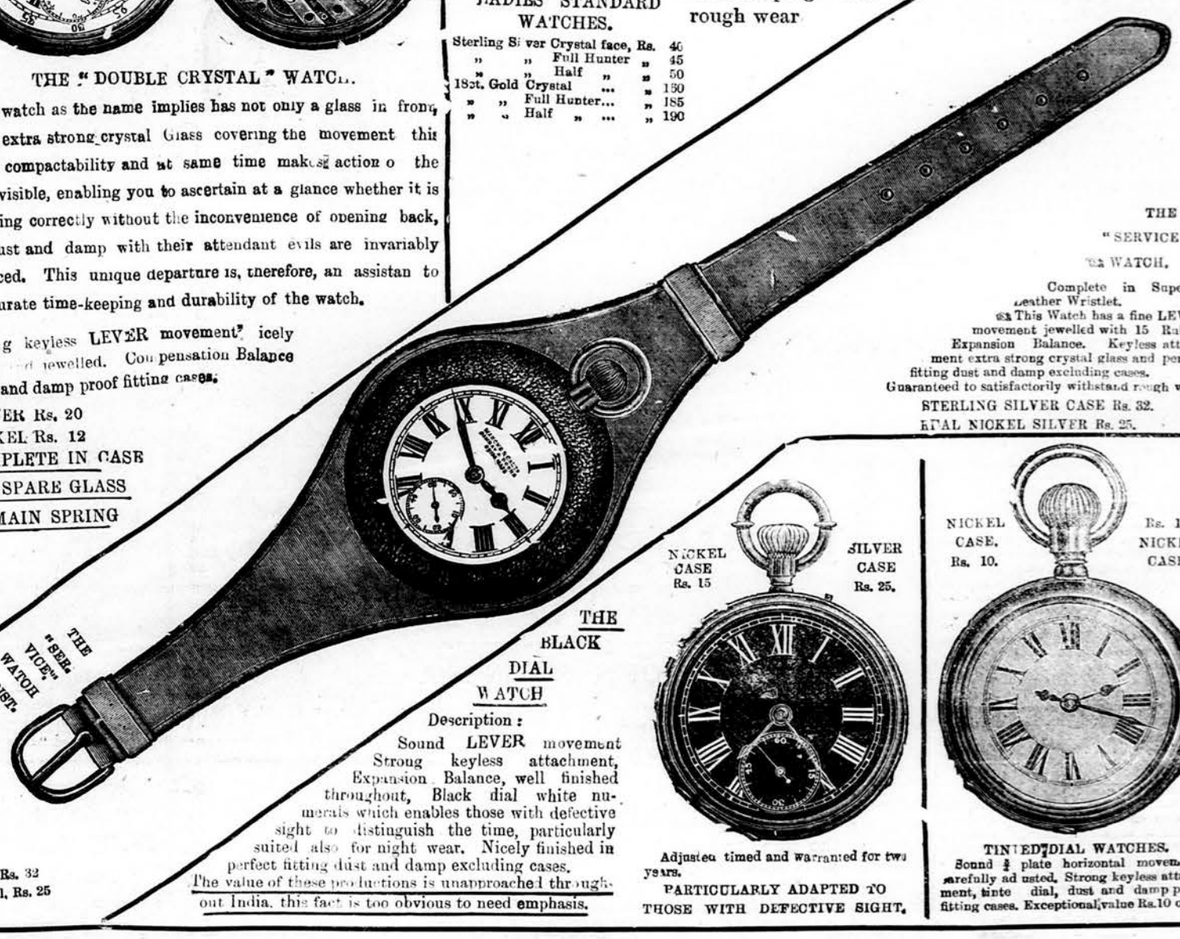

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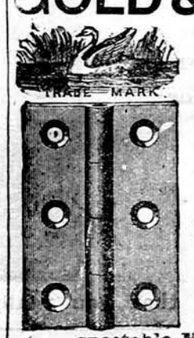

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